

## Libya rebel leader's past in question

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**TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)** — Abdel-Hakim Belhaj is an emerging hero of the Libyan uprising, the man who led the Tripoli Brigade that swept into the capital and captured the fortified compound that was Moammar Gadhafi's seat of power. He's also the former leader of an Islamic militant group who says he was tortured by CIA agents at a secret prison.

Belhaj, the rebels' commander in Tripoli, said Friday that the U.S. wrongly lumped him in with terrorists after Sept. 11, but that he holds no grudge. He said he shares the West's goal of a free Libya.

"We call and hope for a civil country that is ruled by the law which we were not allowed to enjoy under Gadhafi," he told The Associated Press. "The identity of the country will be left up to the people to choose."

He was not always so inclusive. In a 1996 statement he wrote as leader of the now-dissolved Libyan Islamic Fighting Group, Belhaj wrote a statement vowing to fight "all the deviant groups that call for democracy or fight for the sake of it." Though Belhaj and many others who resisted Gadhafi for decades considered their fight an Islamic cause, both secular and religious Libyans took part in the uprising that led to Gadhafi's downfall. Secular Libyans and the West are hoping Belhaj's actions match what he told the Libyan people minutes after arriving at Gadhafi's Bab al-Aziziya compound Aug. 23.

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## South Braces For Lee



Jason Gaucheaux and other residents help sandbag a seafood shed behind the home of resident Kraemer Lloyd, in preparation for encroaching Tropical Storm Lee, in the town of Jean Lafitte, La., Friday, Sept. 2, 2011. Tropical Storm Lee formed in the waters off Louisiana on Friday, threatening a drenching along much of the Gulf coast over the Labor Day weekend with up to 20 inches (50 centimeters) of rain in some spots.

(AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

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**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — A large storm system churning in the Gulf Of Mexico grew Friday into Tropical Storm Lee, beginning a weekend-long assault that could bring up to 20 inches (50 centimeters) of rain in some spots from Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle. The storm was expected to make landfall on the central Louisiana coast late Saturday and turn east toward New Orleans, where it would provide the biggest test of rebuilt levees since Hurricane Gustav struck on Labor Day 2008. Residents who have survived killer hurricanes such as Betsy, Camille and Katrina didn't expect Lee to live up to that legacy. "It's a lot of rain. It's nothing, nothing



Heavy rain clouds from approaching Tropical Storm Lee form over the skyline of New Orleans and the Crescent City Connection bridges at dusk, Friday, Sept. 2, 2011.

(AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

to Katrina," said Malcolm James, 59, a federal investigator in New Orleans who lost his home after levees broke during Katrina in August 2005 and had to be airlifted by helicopter. "This

is mild," he said. "Things could be worse." Lee comes less than a week after Hurricane Irene killed more than 40 people from North Carolina to Maine and knocked out power to

millions. It was too soon to tell if Hurricane Katia, out in the Atlantic, could endanger the U.S.

By Friday evening, the outer bands of Lee, the 12th named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, already began dumping rain over southeastern Louisiana, southern Mississippi and Alabama. The storm's biggest impact, so far, has been in the Gulf of Mexico oil fields. About half the Gulf's normal daily oil production has been cut as rigs were evacuated, though oil prices were down sharply Friday on sour economic news. Federal authorities said 169 of the 617 staffed production platforms have been evacuated, along with 16 of the 62 drilling rigs.

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## TS Lee is expected to bring heavy rains

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That's reduced daily production by about 666,000 barrels of oil and 1.7 billion cubic feet of gas. Tropical storm warning flags were flying from Mississippi to Texas and flash flood warnings extended along the Alabama coast into the Florida Panhandle.

The National Hurricane Center said the center of Lee was about 180 miles (290 km) west-southwest of the mouth of the Mississippi River on Friday and moving north at just 3 mph (6 kph). Forecasters say that Lee's maximum sustained winds had increased slightly throughout the day to 45 mph (75 kph), and could

get stronger. Governors in Louisiana and Mississippi, as well as the mayor of New Orleans, declared states of emergency. Officials in several coastal Louisiana and Mississippi communities called for voluntary evacuations. The Army Corps of Engineers was closing floodgates along the Harvey Canal, a com-



Workers erect a Tiger Dam along Bayou Barataria in preparation for possible flooding from encroaching Tropical Storm Lee, in the town of Jean Lafitte, La., just outside New Orleans, Friday, Sept. 2, 2011. Tropical Storm Lee formed in the waters off Louisiana on Friday, threatening a drenching along much of the Gulf coast over the Labor Day weekend with up to 20 inches (50 centimeters) of rain in some spots.

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mercial waterway in suburban New Orleans, but had not moved to shut a massive flood structure on the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet shipping channel. □

## Libya rebel commander plays down Islamist past

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"You are facing a historic moment; a responsibility in front of God and the world, to protect and preserve the security of your country. To have justice, equality and welfare," he told Al-Jazeera. "We have to unite and join the ranks to build the country."

Belhaj has the support of the leader of the rebels' National Transitional Council, Mustafa Abdul-Jalil. Trading his army fatigues for a business suit, Belhaj accompanied Abdul-Jalil on a trip to Qatar, where on Monday they urged NATO representatives and Western officials to extend NATO operations to protect civilians from the remnants of Gadhafi's regime that continue to fight. The next day in the rebels' temporary capital of Benghazi, Abdul-Jalil pointed to that conference as evidence that Belhaj is someone the council can trust. "He doesn't pose a threat to the world's safety," he said.

The Libyan Islamic Fighting Group was not a monolithic entity, explained one U.S. official familiar with the group. Some branches have had connections with al-Qaida in Sudan, Afghanistan or Pakistan, but others

dropped any relationship with al-Qaida entirely. Belhaj led a faction that disavowed al-Qaida and declared its commitment to establishing a democracy in Libya, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss matters of intelligence.

But U.S. officials are "watching to see whether or not this is for real, or just for show," the official said. Belhaj, 45, is a soft-spoken man with a thick black beard. The father of two boys is shy when speaking to female journalists. In an interview at his headquarters at the sprawling military airport in central Tripoli, Belhaj played down his Islamist ties.

"We never have and never will support what they call terrorism," he said.

Belhaj was a civil engineering student and Gadhafi opponent when he fled Libya and went to Saudi Arabia in the 1980s.

He later joined the U.S.-backed resistance to the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, fighting alongside militants who would go on to form al-Qaida.

He said members of the terror group asked him to join, but he refused because he disagreed with its ideology of global jihad, or holy war, and wanted to focus on ridding Libya of Gadhafi. □

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## Swiss nuclear smuggling suspects to face charges

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Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Three Swiss men suspected of aiding an international nuclear smuggling ring that supplied Libya and Iran are likely to face charges this fall, prosecutors said Friday. Urs Tinner, his brother Marco and their father Friedrich have been under investigation by Swiss authorities for almost a decade for supplying equipment and technical know-how to a black market nuclear network led

by Pakistani scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan. Walburga Bur, a spokeswoman for the Federal Prosecutors Office in Bern, told The Associated Press that the men's indictment is planned for this fall. Bur said a shortened procedure, under which defendants admit the basic charges against them but face no more than five years imprisonment, was possible. Breaking Swiss laws banning the export of nuclear material normally carries a

penalty of up to 10 years imprisonment.

Bur declined to comment on a report in the Swiss daily Blick, which claimed that federal prosecutors and the men's lawyers were in negotiations for a shortened procedure. Blick reported Friday that such a deal could ensure politically sensitive aspects of the investigation aren't discussed in court.

The lawyers didn't immediately respond to emails and telephone messages requesting comment. □



# Clergy prayer ban at 9/11 event criticized

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Christian conservatives are condemning Mayor Michael Bloomberg's decision to bar clergy-led prayer at the 10th anniversary commemoration of the terrorist attacks, calling the program an insult. Others wonder whether the mayor is trying to dodge the potentially thorny issue of including a Muslim representative.

The mayor's office says the annual event focuses on relatives of Sept. 11, 2001, victims and has never included clergy invocations. Bloomberg has said it would be impossible to include everyone who would like to participate. Evelyn Erskine, a Bloomberg spokeswoman, said the program was designed in coordination with 9/11 families and included readings that were "spiritual and personal in nature." Six moments of silence were planned for personal reflection and prayer. Police and fire chaplains who work with the 9/11 families will attend.



**New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg thanks FDNY personnel in Staten Island for rescuing 61 adults and three babies during Hurricane Irene after the lake in Willowbrook Park overflowed. Christian conservatives are condemning Mayor Michael Bloomberg's decision to bar clergy-led prayer at the 10th anniversary commemoration of the terrorist attacks, calling the program an insult.**

(AP Photo/Edward Reed)

"Rather than have disagreements over which religious leaders participate, we would like to keep the focus of our commemoration ceremony on the family members of those who died," Erskine said. Several New York religious leaders say they understand the mayor's position.

They point to the multitude of religious events surrounding the anniversary as evidence faith isn't being overlooked.

"I just think a decision was made to give priority to the families. If this means more families will be attending, I think all of us can accept that," said Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, executive vice president of the New York Board of Rabbis.

However, critics including the Catholic League and the Family Research Council, argue the program reflects prejudice against religion and ignores the central role religious groups played in the city's 9/11 response. For weeks, Trinity Wall Street, an Episcopal congrega-

tion near the World Trade Center site, allowed rescue workers to operate from its chapel. Faith-based service agencies volunteered for a range of duties, from feeding recovery teams to counseling families. Clergy organized interfaith services for the city, most prominently at Yankee Stadium. "Nobody was turning religious leaders away from the scene 10 years ago. Why are they being banned from the 10th anniversary?" said the Rev. Richard Land, who leads the public policy arm of the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant group. "The only answer pure and simple is anti-religious prejudice." □

## In Boston, Beacon Hill surrenders to casinos

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The mood at the State House is nothing short of jubilant at the prospect of casino gambling coming to Massachusetts at last. The new bill creating a path for three casinos and a slot-machine parlor blazed through the relevant committee 16 to 0 last week; all opponents could muster were a few token abstentions. Last year's political recriminations have melted away. Governor Deval Patrick, House Speaker Robert DeLeo, and Senate President Therese Murray are bowing graciously to each other like something out of the old comic "Alphonse and Gaston." After you, Alphonse! The talk is all of 8,000 permanent jobs and billions of dollars in licensing fees and other investments. The State House News Service reports that the most notable aspect of the bill's debut was "the utter lack of perceptible obstacles to passage." And yet I can't help but feel a little sad. The capitulation to expanded gambling in Massachusetts represents a failure of imagination and will. After years of relentless attacks on broad-based taxes as the fairest way to fund public needs, even liberals are disheartened. Why not just accept the revenues from what former governor William Weld called "voluntary taxation" instead?

Here's why. Gambling revenue - like user fees, naming rights, specialty license plates, and other forms of "voluntary" contributions to government - erodes a fundamental idea of democracy: that we're all in this together. Instead of all people contributing equitably to the common good, a casino economy fractures the social compact. □

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## DNA led to suicide ruling in US mansion death

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**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Footprints spotted on a dusty balcony and traces of DNA found on knives and pieces of rope helped investigators conclude that the mysterious death of a Myanmar-born woman found hanging naked at a historic California mansion was a suicide, authorities said Friday. The overwhelming physical evidence suggests that Rebecca Zahau bound her

The boy, Max Shacknai, had suffered injuries days earlier in a fall down the mansion's stairs. He later died from his brain injuries from the fall that authorities ruled an accident. "Was Max's death a homicide? The answer is no," Gore said at a news conference. "It was a tragic accident. Was Rebecca's death a homicide? Again the answer is no. It was a suicide ... These deaths were not the result of any criminal acts."

was his son from a marriage that ended in divorce in 2008.

"Nothing will ever be the same for our families after these losses, but with today's information providing some much needed answers, we will try to rebuild our lives and honor the memories we carry with us," Shacknai said in a statement.

No one saw Max Shacknai fall, but Zahau was home with her 13-year-old sister and heard a loud noise, investigators said.

Investigators believe the boy fell over a railing of a U-shaped staircase, struck a chandelier and hit another railing before falling on his face. He was found near broken chandelier glass, two soccer balls and a scooter.

The boy injured his neck, which stopped his heart and breathing for about 30 minutes, said Dr. Jonathan Lucas of the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office. The lack of oxygen to his brain caused irreversible damage and his death five days later.

Two days after the boy's fall, Shacknai's brother, Adam, called police to report that Zahau appeared to be dead, investigators said. The brother was staying in a mansion guesthouse. Jonah Shacknai was not at home.

Friday's 1½-hour news conference included a video reenactment of how investigators think Zahau bound her wrists.

They believe she used two knives to cut rope that she tied to bedposts and around her wrists and an-



**This August 2008 photo released by Horizon Eye Specialists & Lasik Center shows Rebecca Zahau, also known as Rebecca Nalepa, 32. Nalepa, the girlfriend of Arizona pharmaceuticals tycoon Jonah Shacknai, was found dead last week hanging nude from the second-floor balcony of a historic mansion, her wrists and ankles bound. Investigators have ruled that Zahau committed suicide, the woman's sister said Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011.**

**(AP Photo/Horizon Eye Specialists & Lasik Center, Dwight Smith)**

kles, Gore said. She loosely bound her wrists, took one arm out and put both arms her back before tightening the noose, he said.

Zahau's DNA was found on the rope and the bedposts, her fingerprints were on the bedposts and her footprints were on the balcony. The knives were recovered in the bedroom, one with her DNA and another with her fingerprints, Gore said.

"We don't know exactly how this event occurred," sheriff's Sgt. Dave Nemeth said. "We don't know in what order things were done. The only person who can answer that question, unfortunately, is deceased." □

## Grizzly caught; no link to death

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**BILLINGS, Montana (AP)** — Yellowstone National Park officials captured a grizzly bear Friday near the site of a fatal attack, but they were not sure whether it is the bruin responsible for a Michigan hiker's death last week, a park spokesman said.

The 25-year-old, 420-pound (190-kilogram) male grizzly was to be collared and released back into the park after officials take hair samples, spokesman Al Nash said.

If the bear's DNA matches that of samples found at the site and additional evidence from the scene links the grizzly to 59-year-old John Wallace's death, the bear will be tracked down and killed, Nash said.

"If we feel that we can positively link a bear to the incident site, then the determination has been made that we will kill the bear. The DNA is an important part of that, but it's not the only part of that," he said. Park officials had sent hair samples collected near Wallace's body to be tested, but those DNA results proved to be inconclusive, Nash said.

More samples are being sent to conduct another round of tests, he said. There were no eyewitnesses to the attack, and a DNA match alone won't be conclusive in determining whether a bear was responsible for the attack or happened upon the body afterward, Nash said. □



**Dr. Jonathan Lucas, of the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office, talks about his department's finding at a news conference held at the San Diego County Sheriff's department Friday, Sept. 2, 2011 in San Diego. Behind him are photos of Rebecca Zahau, left, and Max Shacknai.**

**(AP Photo/Denis Poroy)**

ankles and wrists, tied a rope around her neck and hung herself from the balcony of her pharmaceutical tycoon boyfriend's home in suburban San Diego in July, San Diego County Sheriff Bill Gore said. Zahau, 32, was discovered dead six hours after she retrieved a voice mail that her boyfriend's 6-year-old son condition had suddenly worsened and that he was unlikely to survive, investigators said.

Other evidence included fingerprints and a message in black paint left by Zahau on the bedroom door, Gore said. He declined to disclose the message's content and stopped short of calling it a suicide note. The woman and the boy are linked to Jonah Shacknai, founder and chief executive of Medicis Pharmaceuticals Corp. and owner of the 27-room waterfront mansion. Zahau was his girlfriend of two years. Max



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## White House officials were told of inquiry

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Three White House officials were told about the existence of a gun-trafficking investigation in Arizona that led to the replacement of the administration's top firearms official, according to newly disclosed emails the Justice Department sent to Congress this week. But the emails do not contain any discussion of the tactics of the investigation — called Operation Fast and Furious — that have made it the subject of a heated congressional inquiry.

The authorities monitored suspected "straw buyers" in an effort to identify who they were working with, rather than moving quickly to arrest them and take their guns off the street.

The documents, first disclosed Friday by The Los Angeles Times, emerged days after a major shake-up related to the Fast and Furious oversight investigation. On Monday, the Justice Department announced the resignation of the U.S. attorney in Phoenix and the replacement of the acting head of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

After the shake-up, the two Republican lawmakers leading the oversight investigation — Sen. Charles E. Grassley of Iowa and Rep. Darrell Issa of California — said they would press on. One aspect of their inquiry has been an effort to identify any high-level Obama

administration official who sanctioned or knew about the investigative tactics used in Fast and Furious.

No evidence has emerged that there was any high-level authorization for the tactics, however, and ATF supervisors and higher-level Justice Department officials have said they did not know about the tactics at the time, let alone brief their superiors about them. While the newly disclosed emails do not supply evidence to the contrary, they do shed new light on a back-channel communication between the ATF supervisor on the case and a White House official that included some discussion of the existence of Fast and Furious. The bureau supervisor, William Newell, testified in July that he occasionally spoke about Southwest border gun trafficking with Kevin O'Reilly, a member of the White House's national security staff who handled North American issues.

The two were old friends, and O'Reilly was then on detail to the White House from the State Department, where he has since returned.

The newly disclosed emails show that their conversations about gun-trafficking issues were more extensive than previously known. Newell made passing reference to the existence of a case that appears to be Fast and Furious, though he did not name it, in two email chains in July and August 2010. □

## Obama yields to GOP on smog rule

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Barack Obama scrubbed a clean-air regulation on Friday that aimed to reduce health-threatening smog, yielding to bitterly protesting businesses and congressional Republicans who complained the rule would kill jobs in America's ailing economy.

legal action it had begun against rules proposed by President George W. Bush.

The White House has been under heavy pressure from Republican lawmakers and major industries, which have condemned the stricter standard as an unnecessary jobs killer. The Environmental Protection Agency, whose scientific advisers favored the tighter limits, had predicted the

duce regulatory burdens and uncertainty at a time of rampant questions about the strength of the U.S. economy.

White House officials said the president's decision was not the product of industry pressure, and they said the administration would continue to fight other efforts by Republicans to dismantle the EPA's authority. That was little consolation for many of the president's supporters. The group MoveOn.org issued a scathing statement, saying Obama's decision was one it would have expected from his Republican predecessor.

"Many MoveOn members are wondering today how they can ever work for President Obama's re-election, or make the case for him to their neighbors, when he does something like this, after extending the Bush tax cuts for the rich and giving in to ... demands on the debt deal," said Justin Ruben, the group's executive director.

The American Lung Association, which had sued the EPA over Bush's smog standards, said it would resume its legal fight now that Obama was essentially endorsing the weaker limit. The group had suspended its lawsuit after the Obama administration pledged to change it. Underscoring the economic concerns: a new report Friday that showed the economy essentially adding no jobs in August and the unemployment rate stubbornly stuck at 9.1 percent. □



President Barack Obama walks with his daughter Sasha Obama across the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, to board Marine One en route to Camp David. Obama scrubbed a clean-air regulation on Friday that aimed to reduce health-threatening smog, yielding to bitterly protesting businesses and congressional Republicans who complained the rule would kill jobs in America's ailing economy.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

Withdrawal of the proposed regulation marked the latest in a string of retreats by the president in the face of Republican opposition, and it drew quick criticism from liberals. Environmentalists, a crucial Obama constituency, accused him of caving to corporate polluters, and the American Lung Association threatened to restart the

proposed change would cost up to \$90 billion a year, making it one of the most expensive environmental regulations ever imposed in the U.S.

The Clean Air Act bars the EPA from considering the costs of complying when setting public health standards.

Obama said his decision was made in part to re-



# Top New York cop ups antiterror role

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Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly sits at the head of a conference table in a top-floor office that looks like a cross between a Fortune 500 boardroom and a Best Buy sales floor. He is calling up security-camera feeds that appear on wall-to-wall flat screens.

If he wants, he can produce a military-style aerial map of lower Manhattan, including Wall Street and the block where the Twin Towers fell. But on this weekday, he zooms in on a homeless man passed out in a bus stop on the Upper West Side, then emails a photo to the neighborhood's precinct house, prodding commanders there to get the man shelter. The scene put two of the 69-year-old commissioner's trademarks on display: an obsessive attention to detail and an insatiable appetite for the latest technology. He also is known for an impervious attitude toward questions



**New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, right, joins Mayor Michael Bloomberg, left, for a media briefing on the city's preparations for Hurricane Irene, in New York. If he finishes out Bloomberg's third term in 2013 as expected, Kelly will have served longer than any other police commissioner, more than 11 years total. Only one of the city's 40 other police commissioners has served longer in the post created by Gov. Theodore Roosevelt in 1900.**

(AP Photo/NYC Mayor's Office, Kristen Artz, File)

about the New York Police Department's counterterror tactics, which have raised misgivings about civil rights and unchecked power. Kelly believes his record speaks for itself. Nine years after taking over a depart-

ment stunned by the events of Sept. 11, there have been no more successful attacks. And New Yorkers, he said, can thank the NYPD.

"We've done so many things," he told The Associated Press in an interview in early August. "There's no guarantees. We live in an unsafe world, but relatively speaking, New York is a very safe place, and it's palpable."

His unwavering support

from a three-term mayor, Michael Bloomberg, and his unusual longevity add to his influence.

If he finishes out Bloomberg's third term in 2013 as expected, Kelly will have served longer than any other police commissioner, more than 11 years total. Right now, only one of 40 previous police commissioners has served longer in the post, created by Gov. Theodore Roosevelt in 1900. Under Kelly's leadership, New York has seen its homicide rate plummet. In 2009, the city had 471 killings, the lowest number since reliable record-keeping began in 1963, and a stark comparison from a record-high 2,245 in 1990.

But it is his approach to terrorism that has gotten him the most attention. And, said police historian Thomas Reppetto, his track record has set new standards for policing. "Before 9/11, police weren't judged on their counterterrorism abilities," he said. "Kelly has created a blueprint for how a police department should respond to counterterrorism. And that's an original." Kelly's aggressive approach to counterterrorism has been largely lauded. President Barack Obama visited headquarters after

the department handled a car bomb that nearly went off in Times Square in May 2010 and thanked Kelly for his work defending the city. The New York native began his law enforcement career with the NYPD in 1966 after a tour in Vietnam with the U.S. Marine Corps. Over the next four decades, he held every rank in the department.

He also graduated from Manhattan College, earned law degrees from St. John's and New York universities and a master's degree in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

He served as police commissioner under Mayor David Dinkins from 1992 to 1994 and later became a Treasury Department official in charge of the Secret Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the agency that used to be known as the U.S. Customs Service.

His last job before his current NYPD stint was as a security manager for the now-defunct Bear Stearns Companies. In 2006, he was awarded France's highest decoration, the Legion of Honor, for creating a liaison between the NYPD and French authorities. □

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MINOR THIEVES get "three hots and a cot" in federal prison. Major thieves get sinecures and seats at the head table at charity dinners in downtown hotel ballrooms. At least that's how a lot of people in Boston's black community see it. Now they are waiting to see where former House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi of the North End will be dining - and for how long - after he is sentenced in federal court on Sept. 8. According to sentencing guidelines, DiMasi could go away for more than 15 years for his leading role in a bribery and kickback scheme involving state contracts to a crooked Burlington software company. Corruption prosecutors in the US Attorney's Office have recommended a sentence of 12 years and seven months. DiMasi's lawyer argues that three years would be sufficient for his 66-year-old client. US District Court Chief Judge Mark Wolf's opinion will be the only one that counts.

"I hope they get that number right," said the Rev. Eugene Rivers, a Dorchester minister who works with ex-cons in the city's black community. "The judicial system has to send the message that the rules apply to the powerful white guys, too." Interest in DiMasi's sentence among black Bostonians, said Rivers, extends from barbershops to churches to corporate board rooms.

Federal sentences are based on everything from the severity of the crime to the age, health, and personal history of the defendant. At times, the distinctions built into sentencing rules seem to work against minorities. Federal courts and Congress, for example, only recently started to confront the race-based differentials in drug sentencing under which a gram of the inexpensive crack cocaine

found in urban areas draws the same penalty as 100 grams of the powder version favored by wealthier, suburban users. Could DiMasi be the political equivalent of the powder user? Earlier this year, black Bostonians watched two of their leaders - former state Senator Dianne Wilkerson and former Boston City Councilor Chuck Turner - carted off to federal prison after bribery convictions. There wasn't much of an outcry over their sentences, of about three years each. But many wondered aloud why a federal investigation into liquor licenses only snagged the city's two most vocal black politicians. □

## Fire missed marijuana operation

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Associated Press  
ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP) — This summer's Las Conchas fire in New Mexico scorched tribal lands, threatened one of the nation's premier nuclear facilities and pushed bears into nearby cities. But it somehow spared more than 9,000 marijuana plants in a remote area of Bandelier National Monument.

Officials said no arrests have been made in the sophisticated growing operation in the park's backcountry. But authorities said Friday they were looking for at least two suspects. They estimate the plants were 6 feet (1.83 meters) to 10 feet (3.05 meters) tall and had a street value of around \$10 million.

"It was a lot larger than we anticipated," park superintendent Jason Lott said. "It (was) much bigger and more sophisticated than we ever expected."

The marijuana operation



Marijuana seized after an early morning raid of a remote area of the Bandelier National Monument, N.M. This summer's Las Conchas fire in New Mexico scorched tribal lands, threatened one of the nation's premier nuclear facilities and pushed bears into nearby cities. But it somehow spared more than 9,000 marijuana plants in a remote area of Bandelier National Monument.

(AP Photo/National Park Service)

had an irrigation system and a possible evacuation route for those overseeing the plants, Lott said.

Temporary housing structures, trash and food caches were also found nearby. The pot was discovered in rugged terrain during an Aug. 23 helicopter flight surveying a flash flood, Lott said. That flooding was

caused when monsoonal rains fell on the charred area of the monument, where soil and rocks had been loosened by the fire, the largest in New Mexico history.

A number of local and federal law enforcement agencies raided the area early Thursday morning. □

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## UN: Credible evidence Iran working on nuke weapons

GEORGE JAHN  
Associated Press

**VIENNA (AP)** — The U.N. nuclear agency says it is "increasingly concerned" about a stream of intelligence suggesting that Iran continues to work secretly on developing a nuclear payload for a missile and other components of a nuclear weapons program. In its report, the International Atomic Energy Agency said "many member states" are providing evidence for that assessment, describing the information it is receiving as credible, "extensive and comprehensive." The restricted 9-page report was made available Friday to The Associated Press, shortly after being shared internally with the 35 IAEA member nations and the U.N. Security Council. It also said Tehran has fulfilled a pledged made earlier this year and started installing equipment to enrich uranium at a new location — an underground bunker that is better protected from air attack than its present enrichment facilities. Enrichment can produce both nuclear fuel and fissile warhead material, and Tehran — which says it wants only to produce fuel with the technology — is under four sets of U.N. Security Council sanctions for refusing to freeze enrichment, which it says it needs for fuel only. It also denies secretly experimenting with a nuclear

weapons program and has blocked a four-year attempt by the IAEA to follow up on intelligence that it secretly designed blueprints linked to a nuclear payload on a missile, experimented with exploding a nuclear charge, and conducted work on other components of a weapons program. In a 2007 estimate, the

activities appeared to have ceased in 2003. But diplomats say a later intelligence summary avoided such specifics, and recent IAEA reports on the topic have expressed growing unease that such activities may be continuing. The phrase "increasingly concerned" has not appeared in previous reports discussing Iran's alleged nuclear weapons work and reflects



**An Iranian worker stands under portraits of late Iranian revolutionary founder Ayatollah Khomeini, right, and supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, beside a production line of a carbon fiber factory of the Defense Ministry, in Tehran, Iran. Iran has inaugurated its own production of carbon fiber, a material under U.N. embargo because of its potential use in the country's controversial nuclear program, the official IRNA news agency reported. The U.N. nuclear agency says it is "increasingly concerned" about a stream of intelligence suggesting that Iran continues to work secretly on developing a nuclear payload for a missile and other components of a nuclear weapons program.**

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U.S. intelligence community said that while Iran had worked on a weapons program such

the frustration felt by IAEA chief Yukiya Amano over the lack of progress in his investigations. □

## Europeans ban Syrian oil as crackdown continues

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**BEIRUT** — European Union members escalated the pressure on Syria's government Friday by banning all imports of Syrian oil in response to its violent suppression of the nearly six-month-old uprising. It was the most punitive action by the EU to date over the crackdown in Syria, which sells nearly all its oil to Europe and whose government relies heavily on that export income. The new sanctions, which take effect Saturday, came as anti-government protesters in Syria marched and demonstrated in a number of cities and towns, including Damascus suburbs, despite a heavy presence of police officers and troops — in some cases outnumbering the protesters. Activists and witnesses reported that 11 people were killed in the protests that organizers called "the Friday of 'death before humiliation.'" The EU, like the U.S., has already prohibited Europeans from doing business with top Syria officials, including President Bashar Assad and his close aides, to pressure him to halt the crackdown. The uprising represents the most serious challenge to his family's 40 years of autocratic rule. Syria produces only about 400,000 barrels of oil a day,

less than 1 percent of global production, and exports about 150,000 barrels a day, 95 percent of it to Europe. The exports provide about 25 percent of the Syria's income and are an important source of cash for the government, which has raised subsidies on fuel and food and increased government salaries to try to ease the unrest.

Under the new prohibition, no member of the 27-member EU can purchase, import or transport oil and other petroleum products from Syria or enter into financial or insurance services for such transactions, as of Saturday, though existing contracts can be fulfilled until Nov. 15.

The EU also expanded its list of around 50 Syrians targeted by an assets freeze and travel ban, adding four Syrian businessmen accused of financing the regime, diplomats said. Three companies were added to an existing blacklist of eight firms in Syria and Iran.

More than 2,200 people have been killed in Assad's suppression of the revolt, the U.N. has said. Even Assad's closest foreign supporters, Russia and Iran, have urged him to take steps that would mollify the protesters, who have been characterized by his government as terrorists and thugs under the influence of hostile foreign powers. □

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# Turkey expels Israel ambassador over raid

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**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)** — Turkey expelled Israel's ambassador and cut military ties over Israel's refusal to apologize for last year's deadly raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla, further straining a relationship that had been a cornerstone of regional stability. The dramatic move came Friday, hours before the release of a U.N. report that called the Israeli raid that killed nine pro-Palestinian activists "excessive and unreasonable." The U.N. panel also blamed Turkey and flotilla organizers for contributing to the deaths. The rupture between the Jewish state and what was once its most important Muslim ally raised concerns Egypt and Jordan might follow, increasing Israel's isolation in the region. "If this ends with Turkey, it will be a miracle," said Alon Liel, a former Israeli ambassador to Turkey. "There is a lot of internal pressure in Egypt, and Turkey could use its clout in the Arab and Muslim world to pressure other nations to follow suit." Turkey had made an Israeli apology a condition of improved diplomatic ties. But Israel insisted its forces acted in self defense and said there would be no apology. Israeli officials pointed out that the U.N. report does not demand an apology, recommending instead that Israel express regret and pay reparations.

"Israel once again expresses its regret over the loss of life, but will not apologize for its soldiers taking action to defend their lives," the government said in a statement. "As any other state, Israel has the right to defend its civilians and soldiers." The 105-page report said Israel's naval blockade of Gaza was legally imposed "as a legitimate security measure" to prevent weapons smuggling, but added that the killing of eight Turkish activists and a Turkish-American was "unacceptable." "The events of May 31, 2010, should never have taken place as they did and strenuous efforts should be made to prevent the occurrence of such incidents in the future," the report said. The panel criticized Israel for failing to give "clear prior warning" that the vessels were to be boarded and failing to use "nonviolent options." But the panel also found the flotilla "acted recklessly in attempting to breach the naval blockade." While the majority of flotilla participants had no violent intentions, it said "there exist serious questions about the conduct, true nature and objectives of the flotilla organizers." □

# Libyan rebels push toward Gadhafi hometown

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**TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)** — Rebel fighters pushed closer to Moammar Gadhafi's hometown on Friday, despite the extension of a deadline for the town's surrender and negotiations with tribal leaders aimed at avoiding bloodshed. With the capital of Tripoli firmly in their hands, the rebels are in no rush to assault the loyalist-held town of Sirte, rebel officials said, hoping the town would surrender without an attack. But the rebels are also moving their forces into position in case an assault is needed. "Military action will be the last option, because after the fall of the capital, we are not in a hurry," said Khaled Zintani, a spokesman for the rebels in the remote mountain town of Zintan. Tribal elders in Sirte had



Libya's embattled Moammar Gadhafi fans his face in Tripoli. Rebel forces are advancing toward Gadhafi's hometown Sirte despite the extension of a deadline for the town's surrender, rebel officials said Friday, as a U.N. official warned that Libya faces critical but short-term shortages of drinking water, food and other supplies. Another rebel commander said the loyalist forces inside Sirte were divided, with one camp lead by Gadhafi's son Muatassim and the other by tribal elders.

(AP Photo/Abdel Magid Al Fergany, file)

asked that a delegation from Zintan be sent to Sirte to help with negotiations, he said, because of a long history of bad blood with rebels from towns closer to Sirte. Despite the extension of a Sirte surrender deadline

to Sept. 10, rebel forces have not stopped advancing, said another rebel spokesman, Abdel-Hafiz Ghoga. Rebel brigades have pushed to the town of Wadi Hawarah, just 30 miles (50 kilometers) from Sirte, he said. □

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**Mexico:**

## Gender crime seen in two women's deaths

**MARK STEVENSON**  
**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Authorities are investigating the killings of two women as gender crimes after their bound, naked bodies were found in a Mexico City park, the capital's chief prosecutor said Friday.

Mexico City law requires prosecutors to investigate such crimes involving women as gender-related, said Miguel Mancera.

But investigators will not ignore other potential motives, including possible connections to a money-exchange business owned by one of the victims or the fact that both women had been journalists.

Money exchanges at Mexico City's international airport have been targeted by thieves in the past.

In an interview with MVS radio, Mancera did not say whether the women had been sexually assaulted. Autopsies showed that Rocio Gonzalez and Marcela Yarce were strangled with rope and later shot. Their hands were tied behind their backs.

Yarce helped found the news magazine Contralinea. The magazine's director, Miguel Badillo, told MVS that Yarce sold advertising for the publication but she was no longer reporting for it.

The magazine has sharply criticized the government, and Badillo said Friday that it has not been given any government advertising. He also said the publica-



**Colleagues of Ana Maria Yarce stand guard beside her coffin during her wake in Mexico City, Friday Sept. 2, 2011. The bodies of Ana Maria Yarce and Rocio Gonzalez were found dead early Thursday in El Mirador park in Mexico City with their necks bearing strangulation marks and their hands tied behind their backs. Marcela Yarce founded the political magazine Contralinea and Gonzalez was a freelancer and former reporter for the Televisa television network.**

(AP Photo/Arnulfo Franco)

tion has faced lawsuits from companies and individuals angered by its reporting.

He said that by selling advertising, Yarce played "a key role" in helping the magazine survive. But she wasn't involved in any of the magazine's investigation nor had she receive threats, according to the Inter American Press Association.

"We deeply condemn these acts and urge the authorities not to discount any hypothesis," said press association chairman Gonzalo Marroquin said in a statement. "We have enough experience in recent years to know not to prejudge any acts against a journalist before a thorough investigation."

Apart from the lawsuits, "there is nothing else that

would make us suspect that this event was related to her (Yarce's) journalistic work," Mancera said.

Gonzalez was involved in a project for an in-house publication for an unspecified corporation and was a former reporter for the Televisa television network, Badillo said.

Two joggers discovered the women's bodies Thursday near a cemetery in El Mirador park in the poor, crowded neighborhood of Iztapalapa.

The city Attorney General's Office said Gonzalez was 48 years old. Relatives told local news media that Yarce was 45.

Mexico's Human Rights Commission said Thursday night that it would open its own investigation into the homicides. □

## Study: 12,000 Iraqi civilians killed by suicide bombs

**MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT**  
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**BAGHDAD** — While sophisticated roadside bombs have taken a heavy toll on U.S. troops over the course of the war here, suicide bombings have largely been a hallmark of sectarian warfare. Independent researchers have now tried to quantify their damage, poring through data compiled from death reports to conclude that more than 12,000 Iraqis have been killed in at least 1,000 suicide attacks since the U.S.-led invasion. The paper is part of a series by the British medical journal The Lancet on the health consequences of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, which set off wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in which suicide bombings have become common, as they have in Pakistan.

The Lancet published studies in 2004 and 2006 that used samplings of casualties and statistical modeling to arrive at tolls of "excess" deaths (those that would not have happened without the war), which critics said were far too high. The paper released Friday, however, relied on direct counts of deaths using information compiled by Iraq Body Count, an independent group that culls news reports and hospital and morgue records to try to keep track of civilian deaths.

Iraq's ability to track the deaths is limited, and its record-keeping remains poor. The medical establishment is so diminished — many educated Iraqis have fled over the years — that the wounded are not always treated at a hospital, and the dead are buried quickly.

According to the paper, from March 20, 2003, to the end of 2010, suicide bombers killed 12,284 Iraqi civilians and wounded 30,644 others. The attacks killed 200 coalition troops, including 175 from the United States. The report said suicide attacks accounted for about 10 percent of all armed conflict deaths among civilians and a quarter of all such injuries. Those percentages were based on an overall armed conflict death toll of 108,624, according to the Iraq Body Count data. Suicide attackers were not counted among the dead unless the attacker was a child.

The researchers could obtain demographic information on only about a fourth of the suicide attacks. That data showed that men accounted for three-fourths of the dead and children were killed in about 16 percent of the attacks. Child victims were much more likely to die than adult victims.

The paper's primary author, Dr. Madelyn Hsiao-Rei Hicks of King's College London, said the numbers of dead and wounded were probably higher than the published reports and records reflected.

"Suicide bomb injuries are horrific injuries; they are not like gunshot wounds, which are usually clean depending on where you are hit," Hicks said. □



## India database tries to connect poor to growth

LYDIA POLGREEN

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**KALDARI, India** — Ankaji Bhai Gangar, a 49-year-old subsistence farmer, stood in line in this remote village until, for the first time in his life, he squinted into the soft glow of a computer

screen. He squinted into the soft glow of a computer screen. He squinted into the soft glow of a computer screen.

For decades, India's sprawling and inefficient bureaucracy has spent billions of dollars to try to drag the poor out of poverty. But



**Nandan Nilekani, a software mogul whom the government has tapped to create India's identity database, in New Delhi, India, May 26, 2011. A new identity number-based system, known as Aadhaar, will serve to build real citizenship and would be used to verify the identity of any Indian anywhere in the country, using inexpensive hand-held devices linked to a mobile phone network.**

(Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)

screen.

His name, year of birth and address were recorded. A worker guided Gangar's rough fingers to the glowing green surface of a scanner to record his fingerprints. He peered into an iris scanner shaped like binoculars that captured the unique patterns of his eyes.

With that, Gangar would be assigned a 12-digit number, the first official proof that he exists. He can use the number, along with a thumbprint, to identify himself anywhere in country. It will allow him to gain access to welfare benefits, open a bank account or get a cellphone far from his home village, something that is still impossible for many people in India.

"Maybe we will get some help," Gangar said.

Across this sprawling, chaotic nation, workers are creating what will be the world's largest biometric database, a mind-bogglingly complex collection of 1.2 billion identities. But even more radical than its size is the scale of its ambition: to reduce the inequality corroding India's eco-

nomics. much of the money is wasted or simply ends up trapping the poor in villages like Kaldari, in a remote corner of the western state of Maharashtra, dependent on local handouts that they can lose if they leave home.

So now it is trying something different. Using the same powerful technology that transformed the country's private economy, the Indian government has created a tiny startup of skilled administrators and programmers to help transform — or circumvent — the crippling bureaucracy that is a legacy of its socialist past.

"What we are creating is as important as a road," said Nandan M. Nilekani, the billionaire software mogul whom the government has tapped to create India's identity database. "It is a road that in some sense connects every individual to the state."

For its proponents, the 12-digit ID is an ingenious solution to a particularly bedeviling problem.

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## Fighting prompts Sudan to declare emergency

**KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)**

— Sudan's president declared a state of emergency Friday in a state near the southern border with Ethiopia after clashes broke out between armed forces and a rebel group.

Omar al-Bashir also fired the governor of Blue Nile state hours after the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army attacked police and soldiers with heavy weaponry, setting off a battle. Sudan's information minister, Sanaa Hamad, had said earlier that Sudanese government forces were in control of the area and that the military repelled a rebel advance on the town of Damzain.

Hamad said in statement carried by the Sudan news agency that the rebels have ignored a cease-fire



**Wearing a filthy polo shirt, ratty sandals made from old tires, and a distant, pained expression, Nyati Kelabo sits in the muddy black dirt under a tree where he said he had been sleeping since arriving in Pibor after escaping the raiding in his village, a day's walk from Pibor, South Sudan.**

(AP Photo/Maggie Fick)

declared by Bashir.

She also accused South Sudan, which achieved independence in July, of supporting the rebels in violation of peace agreements. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon expressed concern at the eruption of fighting and urged the parties to immediately cease all hostilities, U.N. deputy spokesman Eduardo del Buey said.

The U.N. Security Council is scheduled to hold consultations on Sudan and South Sudan next Thursday. □



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# Haitians hope to aid ailing coral reef and themselves

BRENT McDONALD

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COTES DES ARCADINS, Haiti

— It was an immaculately clear midsummer morning, a perfect day for diving. No trash had yet washed up on the beach. A dozen volunteers, all excited, some a bit apprehensive, donned flippers and masks and shimmied into the bathtub-warm sea, eager to join a team of eco-divers responsible for surveying, and per-

erosion, pollution — and for the most part it is hard to miss. But for decades the country's marine environment has suffered unseen. Its extensive coral reef system, an attraction to foreign scuba divers in the 1970s and '80s, has largely died off — partly from sedimentation and climate change, but mostly from overfishing.

"It's probably the worst overfishing I've seen any-

livelihood, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, which oversees fisheries management. In recent decades, as their usual catches of Nassau groupers and snappers have dwindled and disappeared, many of them have subsisted by netting and spearing small reef fish that keep coral clean of algae. Now those too are almost gone, and the algae have taken over. On a recent dive near La



**Gregor Hodgson, the director of Reef Check, a California-based nonprofit organization that monitors reef health around the globe, leads a 3-day workshop in snorkel and reef survey techniques along the Cotes des Arcadins, north of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, July 30, 2011. Haiti's extensive coral reef system, an attraction to foreign scuba divers in the 1970s and '80s, has largely died off, partly from sedimentation and climate change, but mostly from overfishing.**

(Brent McDonald/The New York Times)

haps one day helping save, Haiti's endangered coral reefs.

Only one thing stood in their way: For most of them — like Jessica Laloi, 21 — this was their first time swimming in the ocean. Until a few months ago, Laloi had not even known how to dog paddle. Now she was wading into the ocean in shorts and a tank top, with a life preserver strapped to her torso, a welcome distraction from the tumult of life since her home collapsed in the earthquake a year and a half ago.

"Diving and swimming is a way of showing you that you are in the environment," Laloi said. "You are part of it. You don't have to destroy it."

Environmental degradation is rife in Haiti — deforestation,

where in the world," said Gregor Hodgson, the director of Reef Check, a nonprofit organization in California that monitors reef health around the globe. Hodgson, who has been leading the training of Laloi and her fellow Haitians, said his organization had worked on reefs in 90 countries.

Months after the earthquake that devastated Port-au-Prince, this nation's capital, Hodgson flew to Haiti to inspect reefs, checking for quake damage. Instead, he found something more alarming: dead coral as far as the eye could see, and almost no fish. He estimates that about 85 percent of the coral reef has died.

In Haiti 54,000 fishermen rely on the ocean for their

Gonave Island, Hodgson floated through a wasteland of intact, dead coral, overgrown with algae and sponges and nearly devoid of fish.

Haiti has the second-longest coastline of all the Caribbean countries, yet it is the only one that has not established marine protected areas where fishing is restricted or off-limits, according to the U.N. Environment Program. So Reef Check decided to survey the reefs and propose that the Haitian government create marine parks where fish can feed, grow and reproduce. "It's an unusual situation to come into a country where there are no marine ecologists with respect to coral reefs and no marine biology programs in universities," Hodgson said. □



**Halima, a local for 20 years, with her son, Asif, 6, in New Delhi, April 13, 2011. A new identity number-based system being used to register unidentified people, known as Aadhaar, will serve to build real citizenship and would be used to verify the identity of any Indian anywhere in the country, using inexpensive hand-held devices linked to a mobile phone network.**

(Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)

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Most of India's poorest citizens are trapped in a system of village-based identity proof that has had the perverse effect of making migration, which is essential to any growing economy, much harder.

The ID project also has the potential to reduce the kind of corruption that has led millions of Indians to take to the streets in mass demonstrations in recent weeks, spurred on by the hunger strike of an anti-corruption activist named Anna Hazare. By allowing electronic transmission and verification of many government services, the identity system would make it much harder for corrupt bureaucrats to steal citizens' benefits.

India's prime minister has frequently cited the new system in response Hazare's demands.

The new number-based system, known as Aadhaar, or foundation, would be used to verify the identity of any Indian anywhere in

the country within eight seconds, using inexpensive hand-held devices linked to the mobile phone network.

It would also serve as a shortcut to building real citizenship in a society where identity is almost always mediated through a group — caste, kin and religion. Aadhaar would for the first time identify each Indian as an individual.

The identity project is, in a way, an acknowledgment that India has failed to bring its poor along the path to prosperity. India may be the world's second-fastest-growing economy, but more than 400 million Indians live in poverty, according to government figures. Nearly half of children younger than 5 are underweight.

India's expensive public welfare systems are so inefficient that warehouses overflow with rotting grain despite malnutrition rates that rival those of sub-Saharan Africa, and much of it is siphoned off to the private market long before it reaches hungry mouths. □



**Suni, 6, son of a migrant farm worker, has his irises scanned to register to receive a national identity card and number in New Delhi, India, March 26, 2011.**

(Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)





## Aruba celebrates Prime Minister Mike Eman birthday



**SAN NICOLAS/ORANJESTAD** – Last night, a celebration was held at Cas di Partido in Oranjestad in honor of Prime Minister of Aruba Mike Eman's birthday.

Family and friends enjoyed a nice time in conversation and fun.

On Eman's actual birthday, September 1st, the island came out in style for the Carub-

bian Festival that is held every Thursday evening.

This week was different as there was a cake the size of a car in honor of Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman's birthday celebration. Over 8,000 people had a wonderful time with lots of fun, food, dancing and music. One Happy Island Aruba! □



# The office of the Public Prosecutor of Aruba releases still shot and video of possible witness in missing of US tourist

**ORANJESTAD** - The Office of the Public Prosecutor of Aruba again calls on the public to give information to the police about the man G.V.G. who was arrested August 5, 2011 as a suspect in the investigation into the possible drowning of the American woman

R.G. on August 2, 2011. After releasing photos of the suspect, the woman R.G. and the white Toyota Rav 4 with license number V-787 on August 11 and 24, 2011, the Office of the Public Prosecutor has decided today to publish a still shot and part of a



call the tip-line at 11141. A separate phone line for tips has been opened in the United States. The number is: 297 582 0695, preceded by the international access code. At this line a message can be recorded. The man G.V.G. and the woman R.G. arrived in Aruba together on July 31, 2011, according to the statement of the suspect the woman remained in sea near Nanki, after he had come out of the water after snorkeling together. □

## Bridge Results Aloha Bridge Club Aruba

**ORANJESTAD** - Thursday, September 1st, 2011 A total of 8 pairs attended the bridge session of this morning at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort. The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1. Geke In 't Veld / Joke Henriquez 61.81 % 2. Willy Flanegin / Maritza van Romondt 55.56 % 3. Ineke Jobse / Carola Pinxter 52.08 %

Friday, September 2nd, 2011 Bridge playing was cancelled. Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar, starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person. The club can also be of assistance in finding single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers, tel. 5824953. □

video of a security camera of the JADS Dive Center the afternoon of the alleged drowning of the woman. A white Hyundai Getz can be seen on the still shot and the video, driving in northern direction at about 17.59 PM on the road between the Rum Reef Restaurant and the sea. Following the statements of the suspect G.V.G., the driver of this car and the passengers could have

seen the white Toyota RAV 4, the rental car the suspect and the woman R.G. drove during their stay on Aruba, parked near the sea behind the Rum Reef Restaurant. It is possible that they have also seen the man G.V.G. and the woman R.G. The Office of the Public Prosecutor of Aruba urgently requests the driver of this Hyundai Getz and/or the passengers to contact the Police of Aruba or to



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## Screaming Eagle host “ladies night out” bridal party



**EAGLE BEACH** – On September 1st, the best girlfriends of Diana Herrera took her on a bachelorette tour of the finest establishments on Aruba before she says I do at Aruba's historic civil house to her fiancé Walter Mosher. Gloria, Carolina, Jessica, Chantelle, Zanette, Nadine and Solange arranged an exotic

dinner at the Screaming Eagle Restaurant & Lounge where the service and food was impeccable. Diana's friends placed a dozen roses in the men's bathroom with a note for each gentleman to take a rose and hand delivers it to the bride to be. There was a lot of blushing and excitement as each



stranger passed by and surprised her rose. Screaming Eagle perfectly matches South Beach lounge décor with ultra-chic French fusion cuisine complemented by a well-stocked wine cellar and an equally impressive bar list of innovative cocktails from around the globe. While also paying tribute to the classics, our menu de-

livers unusual food combinations with never-before pairings, infusing nightly dinner rituals with pleasant elements of surprise. Chef Erwin Hüsken has received great praise for his artistry in the kitchen from world-renowned chefs. For guests looking to amp up the romance for the evening, the Screaming Eagle

proudly offers dinner in bed. They have entirely devoted one section of the house to canopy beds strewn with white pillows, bathed in soft romantic lighting, and draped with white chiffon. Couples can kick off their shoes and cuddle up while enjoying sumptuous dishes laid out on wooden bed trays. □



# Dwight Phillips wins men's long jump at worlds

USA's Dwight Phillips celebrates after winning the gold medal in the Men's Long Jump final at the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea, Friday, Sept. 2, 2011.

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## Donald shoots 5-under 66 at Deutsche Bank



Luke Donald chips onto the ninth green during the Pro Am round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament at TPC Boston, Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, in Norton, Mass.

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DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NORTON, Massachusetts

(AP) — World No. 1 Luke Donald shot a 5-under 66 on Friday at the TPC Boston to finish one shot behind Troy Matteson after the first round of the Deutsche Bank Championship. Even though Donald has three wins around the world and 10 finishes in the top 10, he has started slowly. Donald was headed that way again until making three straight par saves on the back nine to keep the momentum. Also one shot behind were former PGA champion Y.E. Yang, Masters champion Charl Schwartzel. Matteson, facing elimination from the FedEx Cup playoffs, overcame a bogey on the first hole for his 65. Through it all, Phil Mickelson brought attention to himself for two items that looked out of place.

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# CIAO MARIA!

## Sharapova upset by Pennetta in 3rd round



Flavia Pennetta of Italy reacts during her match with Maria Sharapova of Russia during the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Friday, Sept. 2, 2011.

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# No NFL HGH testing before season begins



New England Patriots defensive end Shaun Ellis, left, sacks New York Giants quarterback David Carr during the second quarter of a preseason NFL football game in Foxborough, Mass., Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011.

By **BARRY WILNER**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The NFL notified its teams that no HGH testing will be conducted before the season begins next Thursday. In a document sent to the league's management council and to all 32 teams,

and obtained by The Associated Press on Friday, NFL lead counsel Jeff Pash says a disagreement with the union over testing procedures will prevent the program from starting before Week 1.

When the league and players' association struck a

new collective bargaining agreement, blood testing for human growth hormone was part of the deal — but only if the union agreed to the methods.

The NFLPA has not agreed, however, saying it needs more information on the safety and reliability of the tests from the World Anti-Doping Agency.

"We have little to no information on the fundamental aspects of WADA's HGH testing protocol or reliability," union spokesman George Atallah said. "We have an obligation to keep the game clean and safe, but we also have an obligation to a fair and safe

testing process."

The NFL would be the first of the major American professional sports leagues to implement HGH testing.

Pash also sent the clubs some documents which he said address the union's questions, including: the process for drawing blood; how the blood samples will be shipped to testing laboratories; the labs the league is proposing to use; and, the manner in which thresholds for positive tests will be determined.

Commissioner Roger Goodell sent a letter to NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith on Tuesday reiterating the NFL's

eagerness to implement HGH testing.

"The critical point in my view," Goodell wrote, "is that we now reaffirm our commitment to using the best science available, whether for HGH, steroids or any other prohibited substance. This principle has been and must remain at the heart of our programs." On Wednesday, the union canceled its regularly scheduled conference call with its executive committee because of logistical problems associated with the final preseason games. One of the topics the player reps planned to discuss was HGH testing. □



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## Pennetta goes the distance with Sharapova and wins

EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Maria Sharapova was knocked out of the U.S. Open in the third round Friday after a 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 loss to No. 26 seed Flavia Pennetta of Italy.

The defeat was the 2006 champion's first loss in 13 three-set matches this year. "She's a good fighter," said Pennetta, who conceded she didn't know about Sharapova's record in three-setters. "You can never give up with her. You have to be focused until the last game, until the last point, actually."

Sharapova made 12 double-faults, including two in the last game. She did not look sharp over a 2 hour, 29-minute match that featured plenty of nervous tennis. Sharapova made 60 unforced errors and lost four break points while trailing 2-0 in the third set.

"I didn't feel comfortable with most of my game today," Sharapova said.

After her loss, defending champion Rafael Nadal was leading 6-2, 6-2 against Nicolas Mahut when the Frenchman retired with an abdominal injury. In Louis Armstrong Stadium, No. 4 Andy Murray rallied for a

6-7 (5), 2-6, 6-2, 6-0, 6-4 victory over Robin Haase.

"Movement," Murray said when asked how he turned the match around. "I started chasing a lot of balls down. At the beginning, I felt sluggish, felt slow. I started forcing myself to get every single ball."

Murray's next match is against No. 25 Feliciano Lopez, who defeated Canada's Vasek Pospisil, 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5).

Other men's winners included 12th-seeded Gilles Simon, 24th-seeded Juan Ignacio Chela and 18th-seeded Juan Martin del Potro, the 2009 champion. No. 17 Jurgen Melzer and No. 30 Ivan Ljubicic lost.

Pennetta called the win over Sharapova of the biggest of her career.

"But it's just a match," she said. "It's over and I have to be focused on the next one."

Pennetta's round-of-16 match is against No. 13 Peng Shuai of China, who defeated No. 19 Julia Goerges of Germany, 6-4, 7-6 (1).

The loss by third-seeded Sharapova, the runner-up at Wimbledon this year, kicked yet another top player out of a wide-open draw. Already, the defend-



**Maria Sharapova of Russia reacts during her match against Flavia Pennetta of Italy during the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Friday, Sept. 2, 2011.**

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ing Wimbledon and French Open champions have been dispatched and two-time defending U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters didn't enter because of an injury.

Earlier, No. 2 Vera Zvonareva defeated No. 30 Anabel Medina Garrigues and No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki is still in the draw, but neither has won a Grand Slam title. Sharapova was largely considered the biggest remaining threat to No. 28 Serena Williams, but now the Russian is gone, as well.

"It's disappointing to lose in the middle of nowhere, disappointing to lose in New York," Sharapova said. "Losing isn't fun for anyone because we work to win. We don't work to lose."

Elsewhere at Flushing Meadows, No. 28 John Isner defeated fellow American Robby Ginepri 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 to get to the third round. Isner, who won the title in Winston-Salem last week, is on a seven-match winning streak and said his confidence is "high as it's ever been."

"I feel like I'm moving very well, I'm getting to balls and able to get a lot more balls back in play because I'm very comfortable out there," Isner said.

Another American, Donald Young, defeated No. 14 Stanislas Wawrinka in a five-setter that took 4 hours, 20 minutes and went to a fifth-set tiebreaker.

After the match, Patrick McEnroe, the head of player development for the U.S. Tennis Association, said "In tennis terms, Donald Young became a man today."

Young was the player who directed an obscene message to the USTA via Twitter earlier this year when they made him play in a tournament to try to earn a wildcard entry into the French Open. McEnroe responded by calling a telephone news conference to spell out all the time and money the federation had spent on the 22-year-old's development.

"I'd like to think I'm a pretty tough person, deep down," said Young, now ranked 84th in the world. "I just had to grow up a little bit. Everybody's light goes on at a different time. Hopefully, mine's coming on right now." □



## Deutsche Bank

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The day after he took batting practice at Fenway Park and wore a Red Sox jersey while throwing out the first pitch before the Yankees' 4-2 win, Mickelson wore pinstripes at the TPC Boston.

"Lost a wager with a friend and had to wear these today," Mickelson said. "What can you say? I've got to suck it up and bear it."

Stranger still was the sight of Mickelson sticking the grip of a long putter into his gut.

Mickelson became the latest to try a belly putter, and while he still missed his share of putts in a round of 70, he sounded as though he was willing to stick with it — at least for the rest of the week.

"I thought it went well," said Mickelson, who opened with back-to-back birdie putts of just inside 10 feet. "I feel that I'm probably put-



**Troy Matteson waves to the gallery after making a birdie putt on the ninth hole during the first round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament at TPC Boston, Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, in Norton, Mass.**

Associated Press

ting better with that putter than I would be the short putter, so I'll end up using it for the rest of the tournament I would anticipate. But I don't know if it's a short term or long term thing. But it feels good."

Matteson understands the short term.

He is No. 97 in the FedEx Cup standings, knowing that

only the top 70 advance to the third event outside Chicago, and that he'd better play well this week or he'll be heading home for the rest of the playoffs.

His expectations were not terribly high, and they kept sinking when he had a poor session on the practice range, then took bogey on the first hole. It all turned

around so suddenly.

"If I don't play well, then I'm not going to play next week," he said. "I look at it like the end of the school year. The end of the school year is almost here, so let's just see what happens. Your expectations probably lower a little bit. Then all of a sudden, you make a few birdies and it's like, 'Well, that's not too bad.' Then you make a few more. "By the end of the day, you're thinking, 'Gosh, how in the world did that day turn out the way it did?'"

The 65 was his best opening round of the year, and he can only hope it leads to better things. He had a playoff loss in Puerto Rico and only one other top 10 this year.

The group at 67 included Nick Watney, a two-time winner this year, while Dustin Johnson followed his playoff win at The Barclays with a 68 that left him disappointed — he made bogey on both par 5s on his back nine.

Despite having such a stel-

lar year that took him to No. 1 in the world, Donald has been struggling of late to get off to a good start. It looked as though that might be the case again until he made three straight pars saves on the back nine, starting at No. 12, which allowed him to keep his momentum until the end.

"I think it was the putting," Donald said. "I feel like tee-to-green, I've been a lot more solid this year, and even the last few months. The putter has been a little bit cold. It hasn't been terrible, but just not as good as I would expect. And today was a lot better."

The biggest gallery of the morning belonged to PGA champion Keegan Bradley, who grew up in the area and was followed along by his father, his famous aunt — LPGA great Pat Bradley — and more friends and family than he could count. The ticket request was so great that he asked for 30 to 50 a day, and turned everything over to his mother. □

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## Phillips leads Americans to solid day at worlds



Jamaica's Veronica Campbell-Brown, front left, crosses the finish line ahead of USA's Carmelita Jeter, center, and USA's Allyson Felix in the Women's 200m final at the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea, Friday, Sept. 2, 2011.

Associated Press

**PAT GRAHAM**  
AP Sports Writer

**DAEGU**, South Korea (AP) — Fatigued, Allyson Felix faltered down the stretch and fell short in her bid for a fourth straight 200-meter world title.

Energized, LaShawn Merritt rallied the Americans from a deficit on the last turn in the 4x400-meter relay to win gold and save the squad from what would have been an embarrassing loss.

This was simply that kind of night for the United States at the world championships: Plenty of highs (long jumper Dwight Phillips winning a fourth title) and plenty of lows (the mighty shot putters shut out of a medal).

Oh, and there were plenty

of others shockers as well, such as Carmelita Jeter adding a silver medal in the 200 to her gold in the 100 earlier in the week.

For the Americans, this performance wasn't nearly as enthralling as the team's bountiful 30-minute span the day before, when they won three surprise gold medals, but it was a lucrative haul nonetheless.

With a four-medal showing, the United States ran its count to 16, three ahead of Russia. Although, not all the medals were the color the Americans were envisioning Friday.

Felix came into the 200 as the overwhelming favorite. And maybe, under different circumstances, she would've had her custom-

ary kick at the finish.

But she stepped outside her comfort zone at worlds this year, trying to run the 400 as well. All the rounds finally caught up with her in the 200 final. She just couldn't catch Jamaican gold medalist Veronica Campbell-Brown or Jeter, winding up with bronze.

"I ran with a lot of heart, because that was about all that was left for me," said Felix, who won silver in the 400 on Monday.

This will make her think twice about attempting the 200-400 double at the London Olympics.

"If I had to say right now, it wouldn't be high on my list of things to do," Felix said. "But things change."

Nothing has changed for

Phillips, who captured his fourth long jump title since 2003.

Fittingly, he was given the bib number 1111 for the competition. Phillips was all too eager to let the crowd know the significance, too. With his win wrapped up, Phillips ran through the sand pit on his last jump, ripped his bib number off and proudly held it aloft.

"It was meant for me," said Phillips, who was sidelined earlier in the season with a left Achilles' tendon injury. "Nobody believed I could do this."

Just like nobody believed the Americans could fail to pick up a medal in the shot put because, well, they've earned at least one at ev-

ery worlds since 1991.

And that was despite four throwers in the final, including defending champion Christian Cantwell, who had the best finish at fourth. "I can't put into words what I'm feeling right now," Cantwell said. "I want to hide and put my head under a rock."

The 4x400 relay squad nearly knew that feeling, trailing for a good chunk of the race. But Merritt found another gear coming out of the final bend and blew past everyone.

"The race was closer than we thought, than we expected," Merritt said. "I got the baton and did my job, came home and added another gold for the U.S." □



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## CDC: 2 sickened in U.S. by swine flu strain

**M. MARCHIONE**  
AP Medical Writer

A new strain of swine flu has shown up in two children in Pennsylvania and Indiana who had direct or indirect contact with pigs. The virus includes a gene from the 2009 pandemic strain that might let it spread more easily than pig viruses normally do.

So far, there's no sign that the virus has spread beyond the two children, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Friday.

"We wanted to provide some information without being alarmist," because people have contact with pigs at fairs this time of year and doctors should watch for possible flu cases, said Lyn Finelli, the CDC's flu surveillance chief. "We're always concerned when we see transmission of animal viruses to humans."



**A new strain of swine flu has shown up in two children in Pennsylvania and Indiana who had direct or indirect contact with pigs. The virus includes a gene from the 2009 pandemic strain that might let it spread more easily than pig viruses normally do.**

People rarely get flu from pigs — only 21 cases have been documented in the last five years — and it's too soon to know how infective this virus will be, she said.

The new strain is a hybrid of viruses that have infected pigs over the last decade and a gene from the H1N1 strain that caused the pandemic two years ago. It is the first combination virus to turn up in people since the pandemic, said Michael Shaw, a lab chief at the CDC. It's classified as an H3N2 virus.

The first case was an Indiana boy under age 5 who was sickened in late July. He had no contact with pigs, but a caretaker did in the weeks before the boy fell ill. He was hospitalized and has recovered, and no other family members appear ill. The second case was a Pennsylvania girl, also under age 5, who had contact with pigs at an agricultural fair last month. She, too, has recovered, and health officials are investigating reports of illness in other people who went to the fair. No additional cases have been confirmed so far.

The viruses in the two children were similar but not identical. Both were resistant to older flu medicines but not to Tamiflu or Relenza. The gene from the 2009 pandemic is one of the things that makes this new strain worrisome, said Dr. John Treanor, a flu specialist at the University of Rochester School of Medicine. □

## Taiwan probes HIV organ transplants

**TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)** — Physicians at a hospital in Taiwan that mistakenly transplanted four patients with HIV-infected organs may face criminal prosecution, an official said Friday.

The doctors involved may face up to 10 years in prison if found to have caused patients to contract the HIV virus by negligence, Taipei Prosecutors' Office spokesman Lin Wen-teh said.

Last week, Taipei's National Taiwan University Hospital performed the transplants of the liver, lungs and two kidneys from a donor it mistakenly believed was HIV negative. Another facility, National Chengkung University Hospital, transplanted the heart into a patient there based on NTUH's information. NTUH, one of Taiwan's best medical institutions, said a staffer misheard the donor's test results as "non-reactive" when the English word "reactive" was actually given, meaning the donor had HIV. The information was given by telephone, and the hospital admitted the donor's HIV status was not double-checked as standard procedure required. The head of the university hospital's transplant department, Ke Wen-che, resigned Thursday to take responsibility for the blunder. He said he was responsible

for the transplant program in its entirety, and declined to blame either the staffer who mishandled the HIV information, or other physicians directly involved in



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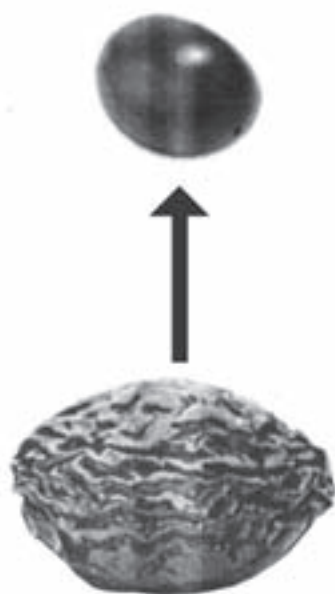
the transplant procedures. Meanwhile, the Health Department is also looking into the mistake.

But department official Shih Chung-liang says it would be improper to put all the blame on the staffer who mishandled the HIV test results. Still, he said, if negligence is found to have caused the blunder, NTUH may have to suspend its transplant programs for up to a year in addition to paying unspecified fines. □



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## BU studies NHL's Boogaard's brain

**JIM LITKE**  
AP Writer

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Researchers at Boston University are studying the brain of deceased NHL enforcer Derek Boogaard to determine whether he suffered from a degenerative brain condition associated with repeated hits to the head. Dr. Robert Cantu, a neurosurgeon and co-director of the Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy at Boston University's School of Medicine, confirms Boogaard's family donated his brain. Cantu leads a research team studying the long-term effects of head trauma in sports.

Boogaard, whose results won't be released without his family's approval, is one of three NHL enforcers found dead since May. The 28-year-old former New York Ranger died in May due to an accidental mix of alcohol and the painkiller oxycodone. Winnipeg's Rick Rypien, 27, was discovered in August at his home in Alberta after a police official said a call was answered for a "sudden and non-suspicious" death. And 35-year-old Wade Belak, who played with five NHL teams before retiring in March, was found dead on Wednesday in Toronto. □



# Mobile shopping: More buzz than buy so far

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — When it comes to mobile shopping, so far there's more buzz than buy.

As the number of people who use iPhones and other smartphones grows, companies selling everything from hardware to high fashion are touting all the new applications they're rolling out that enable shoppers to do anything from check a store's inventory while in the dressing room to order prescriptions.

Retailers are betting that selling their wares on a device that people carry around all day can encourage Americans to spend money during an economic downturn in which they're making fewer impulse buys in their bricks-and-mortar stores. But so far, consumers mostly are using their phones to look up locations and compare prices and stopping short of tapping the "buy" button. Why? In part because they find it hard to shop on the tiny screens and they don't quite think it's safe to input their credit card information into their phone. To be sure, mobile pur-

chases are growing faster than online sales, which are increasing at around 10 percent a year. But mobile commerce is expected to account for \$6 billion, or just 2 percent of overall e-commerce sales this year, according to Forrester Research. By 2016, that figure could rise to \$31 billion — still a sliver of electronic sales. "The transactions aren't anywhere close to a big number," says Siva Kumar, whose company, TheFind, offers mobile price-checking applications. "But the first stage of any revolution is that people start using the new tool."

The use of smartphones is indeed growing. There are 82 million smartphones in circulation today in the U.S. — one in every three people 13 and older owns one — and that figure is expected to double by 2015. And smartphone users are increasingly using mobile applications: The average user spends 81 minutes a day using mobile apps, more time than is spent Web browsing on a computer or other device, according to mobile analytics firm Flurry. But smartphone users are spending



In this July 13, 2011 file photo, one of the pages of "Today's Deals," appears on the screen of an iPhone, in New York. As the number of people who use iPhones and other smartphones grows, companies selling everything from hardware to high fashion are touting all the new applications they're rolling out that enable shoppers to do anything from check a store's inventory while in the dressing room to order prescriptions.

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most of their time playing games, checking social networks, taking video, accessing maps and getting sports scores, according to digital research firm comScore. Shopping, meanwhile, ranks at No. 13, with less than 7 percent of mobile users accessing online

retail stores through their phones. Retailers are partly to blame for shoppers' apathy. Less than a third of retailers polled by the National Retail Federation in May said they have a fully implemented mobile strategy, which might include an application available for

download by iPhone, Droid and Blackberry users. It's far less pleasurable to hunt down a new pair of boots when it requires zooming in and out of a site that's not oriented to the mobile screen, shoppers say. For instance, Sara Margulis, who runs an online wedding gift registry in Sonoma County, California, uses her iPhone to buy books and diapers on Amazon, but sticks to her home computer for the majority of her electronic purchases in part because she likes the larger screen. "If I know what I want, and it's on Amazon, I'll do it on my phone," she says. "But not if it requires a lot of research." Another big impediment is the payment process. Typing billing information into a phone can be tedious and time-consuming, and many shoppers aren't convinced that mobile sites are safe. In one Forrester poll, 44 percent of shoppers said they would use the mobile Web to make purchases if the payment services were more secure. Sucharita Mulpuru, a Forrester analyst, says mobile payments are generally safe and this is a "perception issue" stemming from fear of the unknown. □

## U.S. airport unveils new body scan

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**NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)** — Newark Liberty International Airport became the first New York-area airport to install body scanning technology that will replace a system that was harshly criticized for invading travelers' privacy by displaying naked images. Transportation Security Administration officials unveiled the software at the airport on Friday, where more than 8 million passengers boarded planes last year. The technology was originally tested in February at Atlanta, Las Vegas, and Washington and rolled out in July.

In all, the technology will be installed in 241 security machines at 40 airports around the country over the next

few months at a cost of \$2.7 million that includes research and development, according to the TSA. The agency plans to install it in all airports eventually. The new system uses a screen that displays a gray silhouette of a generic body. The screen is placed at security checkpoints in a spot where both the traveler and the security agent can see it.

In demonstrations Friday using TSA employees as travelers, yellow boxes appeared on the silhouette denoting items that needed to be removed such as cell phones or keys.

Under the previous system, the images of travelers' bodies were displayed in a separate room, where a TSA officer would radio the officer at the checkpoint

that a traveler was carrying an item that needed to be scanned. The new system speeds that process by using the yellow boxes to display the exact locations of the offending items, according to Donald Drummer, the airport's federal security director.

"In the past there was an image viewing room that was remote that looked at a body-specific image," Drummer said. "In this case we will have a silhouette on the screen that both the passenger and our officer will see and they will know where to target."

TSA employees assigned to image viewing rooms will be shifted to other positions within the agency, a TSA spokeswoman said.

The body scanners' debuted last fall sparked a

heated debate over security concerns versus travelers' privacy. In response, New Jersey's legislature issued a resolution urging Congress to review the program. Others called the scans — and the enhanced pat-downs given to people who opted not to be scanned — violations of the Constitutional right against unreasonable searches. The system also created concerns that the naked images could be downloaded and distributed.

According to TSA statistics, about 2 percent of travelers have opted out of the scans and submitted to pat-downs. The new, generic body scans could lower that number, though some travelers may opt out due to concerns over exposure to radiation. □





A trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Friday, Sept. 2, 2011 in New York. The jobs report was the weakest in almost a year. It renewed fears that the U.S. might slip back into recession.

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## Stocks plunge after U.S. hiring dries up in August

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NEW YORK (AP)** —

A dismal jobs report caused stocks to plunge Friday.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 253 points, or 2.2 percent, wiping out its gains for the week. All 30 stocks in the average fell. No jobs were added in the U.S. last month, the government said early Friday. It was the worst employment report in 11 months and renewed fears that another recession could be on the way. The yield on the 10-year note briefly fell below 2 percent and gold jumped \$48 an ounce as cash flowed into investments seen as less risky than stocks.

"It's certainly ugly," said Jeff Kleintop, chief market strategist at LPL Financial. European markets followed U.S. stocks lower. They were already down on reports that talks between Greece and international lenders over that country's debt crisis were breaking down. Germany's DAX closed down 3.4 percent; France's CAC-40 lost 3.6 percent.

The lack of hiring in the U.S. last month surprised investors. Economists were expecting 93,000 jobs to be added. Previously reported hiring figures for June and July were also revised lower. The average work week declined and hourly earnings fell. The unemployment rate held steady

at 9.1 percent. The rate has been above 9 percent in all but two months since May 2009.

Kleintop said the jobs report didn't change his view that the economy was headed for a stretch of weak economic growth, not a recession. He said the figures were likely skewed by unusual events that may have made employers reluctant to add jobs in August.

The Labor Department's report relies on data collected from surveys of households and businesses in the second week of August. That's right after Standard & Poor's removed the country's AAA credit rating and fears mounted that Europe's banking crisis could spread to the U.S. Television screens were filled with images of riots in London.

"I'm not surprised that businesses weren't doing too much hiring in that environment," Kleintop said.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 253.31 points to close at 11,240.26. It was the biggest fall in two weeks. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 30.45, or 2.5 percent, to 1,173.97. The Dow fell 0.4 percent for the week, the S&P 0.2 percent. Both indexes have fallen five of the past six weeks.

The Nasdaq composite fell 65.71, or 2.6 percent, to 2,480.33. The technology-heavy index eked out a gain of 0.48 point for the week. □

## Bid to block AT&T deal reflects telecom industry

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Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Obama administration has explained its effort to block AT&T's purchase of T-Mobile USA by saying it will fight mergers that would reduce competition and hurt consumers.

Yet few think the lawsuit the administration filed Wednesday signals a more aggressive stance toward acquisitions in other industries. Rather, experts say, the administration's challenge of AT&T's purchase comes down to this: Telecom is dominated by just a few big companies. Reducing the number of major players could all but kill competition and drive prices up.

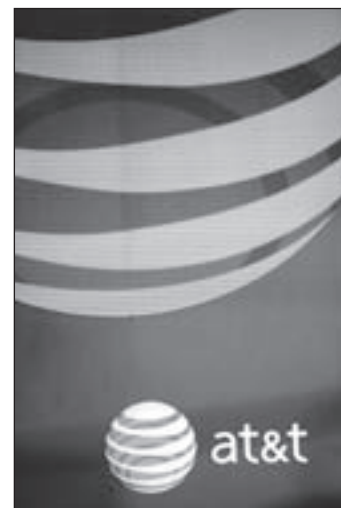
By contrast, few other major industries are controlled by just a handful of giants. And none relies on access to a limited number of public airwaves.

With previous big mergers, the administration has taken a middle-ground approach to antitrust: It's green-lighted deals such as cable company Comcast's acquisition of media giant NBC Universal and Ticketmaster's merger with concert promoter Live Nation. But it also imposed conditions in those deals that are intended to preserve competition.

"They're looking even at very big mergers on their merits, and if the merging parties can't satisfy their concerns, the Justice Department will say, 'We can't let this go through,'" said Melissa Maxman, an antitrust attorney with the law firm Cozen O'Connor.

President Barack Obama, on the campaign trail, had pledged tougher antitrust policy. And early in his administration, the Justice Department repealed Bush-era guidelines that had discouraged government action against companies with near monopolies.

As a result, many had expected bold action from the department — crackdowns on industry-dominating companies and roadblocks



This file photo taken April 21, 2010, shows an AT&T logo and sign on a window at a company store in Brunswick, Maine. The Obama administration has explained its effort to block AT&T's purchase of T-Mobile USA by saying Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011, it will fight mergers that would reduce competition and hurt consumers.

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to many big mergers.

That didn't happen. The lawsuit against AT&T might satisfy some critics who hoped for a much tougher antitrust policy. But it probably doesn't suggest a policy shift.

The AT&T proposal was unique, said Benjamin Brown, a former Justice Department antitrust lawyer, now a partner with the law firm Cohen Milstein.

"I could very easily have seen this same decision being made under the Bush administration," Brown said.

He said there was little evidence for AT&T's claim that regional cellphone carriers can compete with the four national companies: AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile and Sprint.

If AT&T bought T-Mobile, just three national players would be left. And Sprint could have trouble competing with two bigger behemoths. So it might be acquired, too, further shrinking competition.

"Any time you take four major parties and turn it into three, the Justice Department is going to take a close look," Maxman said.

Telecom mergers attract more scrutiny in part because it's next to impossible for new competitors to emerge. Companies need permission to transmit data on public airwaves. The licenses are costly and scarce. And the cost of building a new system of cell towers and satellites is enormous.

"You can't just pull a bunch of capital together and launch a national cellphone provider, Brown said.

The Obama Justice Department has allowed several big mergers to proceed without court action. But it made the companies sell or change parts of their businesses.

For instance, in the Live Nation-Ticketmaster merger, regulators required Ticketmaster to license its software to a competitor. It also forced it to sell a subsidiary that handles tens of millions of tickets a year.

In January, when the nation's largest cable-TV company, Comcast, took control of NBC Universal, the government forced Comcast to make the full suite of NBC Universal content available as a single package to online competitors. And Comcast had to do so on terms comparable to those reached with more established rivals such as Dish Network Corp. and DirecTV.

The Federal Communications Commission, which can block telecom mergers, joined Justice in making those demands.

In April, Google Inc. won government clearance for its \$700 million purchase of airline fare tracker ITA Software. The deal gave Google a key role in online travel. But to win Justice Department clearance, Google agreed to license ITA's software to other companies through 2016. And it agreed to continue to invest in research and development of products, which it would also have to license. □



# Employers add no net jobs in Aug.; rate unchanged

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. employers stopped adding jobs in August, an alarming setback for an economy that has struggled to grow and might be at risk of another recession.

The government also reported that the unemployment rate remained at 9.1 percent. It was the weakest jobs report since September 2010.

Stocks tumbled on the news. The Dow Jones industrial average sank more than 200 points, or 1.8 percent, in afternoon trading. The new figures are bad news for President Barack Obama, with the economy expected to be the top issue when he runs for re-election next year.

Obama will introduce a plan for creating jobs and boosting economic growth in a rare address to a joint session of Congress next week.

He is expected to call for more investments in the country's infrastructure and a possible extension to the 2011 payroll-tax credit to boost consumer spending. But with a deep partisan rift in Washington, Obama's proposals on more spending are likely to face stiff



**Job seekers wait in line to enter a job fair Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011 in San Mateo, Calif. Businesses likely shrugged off recession fears and kept hiring in August, although not nearly enough to lower the unemployment rate.**

opposition in the Republican-led House of Representatives.

On Friday, Obama took a step toward winning Republican support.

He directed the Environmental Protection Agency to abandon rules that would have tightened health-based standards for smog. Congressional Republicans and some business leaders have objected to the proposed rules, saying they would have cost jobs.

"The stagnation in U.S. payroll employment is an

ominous sign," said Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics. "The broad message is that even if the U.S. economy doesn't start to contract again, any expansion is going to be very, very modest and fall well short of what would be needed to drive the still elevated unemployment rate lower."

The Obama administration has estimated that unemployment will average about 9 percent next year. The rate was 7.8 percent when Obama took office. The White House Office of

Management and Budget projects overall economic growth of only 1.7 percent this year.

Total payrolls were unchanged in August, the first time since 1945 that the government has reported a net job change of zero. Economists warned that the economy can't keep growing indefinitely if hiring remains stalled.

"Underlying job growth needs to improve immediately in order to avoid a recession," said HSBC economist Ryan Wang.

The anemic job report has

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increased chances that the Federal Reserve will announce at its September meeting that it will start buying bonds to support the economy, said Kathy Lien of GFT brokerage.

Buying bonds could drive interest rates lower, promoting borrowing and spending, but lower rates tend to weigh on a currency because investors seek bigger returns elsewhere.

The weakness in employment was underscored by revisions to the jobs data for June and July.

Collectively, those figures were lowered to show 58,000 fewer jobs added. The downward revisions were all in government jobs.

The average work week also declined and hourly earnings fell by 3 cents to \$23.09.

Weak growth, Standard & Poor's downgrade of long-term U.S. debt in early August and a sell-off on Wall Street likely kept some businesses from hiring.

With job creation stalled and wages declining, consumers won't see much gain in incomes. That will limit their ability to spend, which undercuts growth. Consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of the economy. □

## Feds sue big banks over sales of risky investment

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The government on Friday sued 17 financial firms, including the largest U.S. banks, for selling Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac billions of dollars worth of mortgage-backed securities that turned toxic when the housing market collapsed. Among those targeted by the lawsuits were Bank of America Corp., Citigroup Inc., JP Morgan Chase & Co., and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. Large European banks including The Royal Bank of Scotland, Barclays Bank and Credit Suisse were also sued. The lawsuits were filed by the Federal Housing Finance Agency. It oversees Fannie

and Freddie, the two agencies that buy mortgages loans and mortgage securities issued by the lenders.

The total price tag for the mortgage-backed securities sold to Fannie and Freddie by the firms named in the lawsuits: \$196 billion.

The government didn't say how much it is seeking in damages. It said it wants to have the securities sales canceled and wants to be compensated for lost principal, interest payments as well as for attorney fees.

The government action is a big blow to the banks, many of which have seen their stock prices fall to levels not seen since the financial crisis in 2008 and 2009. Until now, the stocks have been undermined mostly

by unrelated worries about the U.S. and European economies.

It is particularly damaging to Bank of America, which bought Countrywide Financial Corp. in 2008 and Merrill Lynch in 2009. All three are being separately sued by the government for mortgage-backed security sales totaling \$57.5 billion.

After Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase was listed in the lawsuits with the second-highest total at \$33 billion. Royal Bank of Scotland followed at \$30.4 billion.

Bank of America has already paid \$12.7 billion this year to settle similar claims. Last month insurer American International Group Inc. sued the bank for more than \$10 billion for allegedly

selling it faulty mortgage investments.

In a statement Friday, Bank of America rejected the claims in the government's lawsuits.

Fannie and Freddie invested heavily in the mortgage-backed securities even after their regulator said they didn't have the needed risk-management capabilities, the bank said. "Despite this, (Fannie and Freddie) are now seeking to hold other market participants responsible for their losses," it said.

Bank stocks fell sharply on Friday as news of the government's lawsuits emerged. Bank of America tumbled 8.3 percent, JP Morgan Chase fell 4.6 percent, Citigroup lost 5.3

percent, Goldman shed off 4.5 percent and Morgan Stanley's ended down 5.7 percent.

Residential mortgage-backed securities bundled pools of mortgages into complex investments. They collapsed after the real-estate bust and helped fuel the financial crisis in late 2008.

The FHFA said the mortgage-backed securities were sold to Fannie and Freddie based on documents that "contained misstatements and omissions of material facts concerning the quality of the underlying mortgage loans, the creditworthiness of the borrowers, and the practices used to originate such loans." □



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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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# Today In History

## The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, September 3, the 246th day of 2011. There are 119 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1189 - England's King Richard I is crowned in Westminster.

1497 - Manuel, king of Portugal, marries Isabella of Spain. One of the conditions for the marriage is that he expel all Jews from Portugal.

1603 - France's King Henry IV permits Jesuits to return to France despite opposition.

1609 - English navigator Henry Hudson discovers Manhattan, looking for a passage to India on behalf of the Dutch West India Company.

1758 - Revolution in Portugal is led by Marquis of Tavora and his wife, who wound King Joseph, but subsequently are arrested.  
1783 - Britain, France, Spain and United States sign peace treaty of Versailles, officially ending Revolutionary War.

1791 - French constitution is passed by National Assembly, making France a constitutional monarchy.

1879 - Afghans massacre British legation at Kabul, leading to British occupation of the city.

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1916 - The first German Zeppelin bomber is shot down over England.

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1943 - The British 8th Army invades Italy during World War II, the same day Italy signs a secret armistice with the Allies.

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1967 - Nguyen Van Thieu is elected president of South Vietnam under a new constitution.

1971 - Oil state of Qatar gains independence from Britain.

1976 - U.S. Viking II spacecraft lands on Mars.

1978 - Pope John Paul II becomes the 264th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

1981 - U.S. Coast Guardsmen and federal agents seize 20 tons of Colombian marijuana and arrest 33 people in several raids on Long Island, New York, and offshore.

1989 - Thousands of blacks march and bathe at "whites only" beaches in nationwide defiance campaign in South Africa.

1990 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin unveils plan for Soviet republics to take control of their own economies.

1991 - Fierce fighting in Croatia effectively scuttles a new European Community peace plan for Yugoslavia.

1992 - Italian relief plane

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# Ex-Spice Girl Brown gives birth to baby girl

**NEW YORK (AP)** — It's a girl for singer Melanie Brown and her husband, Stephen Belafonte.

An e-mail from a representative for the former Spice Girl says the couple "welcomed their new baby girl in Los Angeles" on Thursday night.

The e-mail says "this is the first child for Brown and Belafonte and both Mom and Baby are happy, healthy and doing well."

There were no other details. The 36-year-old formerly known as "Scary Spice" has two older daughters. Brown and Belafonte were married in 2007.

Belafonte is a movie producer whose credits include "Thank You for Smoking." He has an older daughter. □



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(AP Photo/Peter Kramer)

## Reality TV show 'Russian Dolls' stirs controversy



"Russian Dolls" cast member Diana Kosov speaks with a reporter in New York. Running on the Lifetime cable network, the show has been called the Russian "Jersey Shore" or "Real Housewives," featuring six women and two men, plus colorful extras. Critics say the program casts the New York City Russian community in a bad light and creates a caricature of their community.

(AP Photo/AP Television)

**VERENA DOBNIK**  
**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A mother is lecturing her 23-year-old daughter about her love life, flailing a kitchen knife above her head for emphasis.

Mom's point: She'd like her immigrant daughter, from the former Soviet republic of Moldova, to marry a man with similar roots, keeping the family's East European Jewish tradition.

Alas, the daughter informs mom that she's already

dating a Hispanic man.

But she soon dumps him, on-camera, during a restaurant date.

The scene is captured in a new TV reality show called "Russian Dolls," which premiered on the Lifetime cable network in August and airs Thursdays.

It's been called the Russian "Jersey Shore" or "Real Housewives," featuring six women and two men, plus colorful extras like Anna Kosov, the mother. They're all from the former Soviet

Union and either live or have lived in Brooklyn's Brighton Beach neighborhood. But only two actually hail from Russia.

The show has drawn the wrath of neighbors and community leaders who say it creates a caricature of their immigrant world, turning cast members into "Russians in tacky clothes who do little more than eat, drink and party," says John Lisianskiy, founder of the new nonprofit Russian-Speaking American Leadership Caucus and a budget analyst for the New York City Council.

The show's characters do represent "a small portion of our community," acknowledges Yelena Makhnin, executive director of the Brighton Beach Business Improvement District. But she says her neighborhood by the Brooklyn boardwalk is mostly "a very intelligent, very well educated, hard-working community."

Kosov, a hairdresser, had to mend relations with her Mexican-born boss over remarks she'd made on the show about her daughter, Diana Kosov, dating the Hispanic man. □



Actress Monica Bellucci poses during a photo call for the movie *Un Ete Brulant* at the 68th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Friday, Sept. 2, 2011.

(AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

## Bellucci: nude scene an act of generosity

**VENICE, Italy (AP)** — Actress Monica Bellucci says her decision to appear nude in her latest film "That Summer" was an act of generosity.

Bellucci said the request came at a "fragile moment as a woman," just a month and a half after giving birth. Bellucci said that when she accepts a role, she also trusts the director. She said she felt protected by director Philippe Garrel during the filming of the scene. Bellucci shares the red carpet at the Venice Film Festival on Friday night with her husband Vincent Cassel, who appears in David Cronenberg's "A Dangerous Method."

Garrel's "That Summer" also is in competition for the Golden Lion, which will be awarded Sept. 10. □



Gene Simmons, left, and longtime girlfriend Shannon Tweed. A publicist says Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, that the couple is engaged and will be getting married in the near future.

(AP Photo/Matt Sayles, file)

## Gene Simmons and girlfriend engaged

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Rocker Gene Simmons and his longtime girlfriend, actress Shannon Tweed, are engaged.

Publicist Dawn Miller said in an email Friday that she is "happy to confirm that Gene and Shannon will be getting married in the near future."

The engagement was reported by "Entertainment Tonight."

The new season of the reality show "Gene Simmons Family Jewels" premieres Oct. 4 on the A&E network. The 62-year-old Kiss bassist and the 54-year-old Tweed have two children. □



# Dutch game show highlights asylum seekers' plight

MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

**THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)** — The nation that brought the television world "Big Brother" and a hoax

kicked out of the country. The one-off show "Weg Van Nederland" ("Out of the Netherlands") shone a satirical light on the plight of young asylum seek-

to upend the perception among many native Dutch that immigrants don't successfully integrate. Gulistan, an 18-year-old Kurd whose family fled Armenia 11 years ago, won the Dutch trivia quiz by correctly answering questions like, "Who was the first king of the Netherlands?" and artistically carving a map of the Netherlands out of a slab of cheese. Blessing, who fled Cameroon to avoid an arranged marriage, was not so lucky. She was the first contestant ejected from the show, walking up a set of stairs to a mocked-up airplane door clutching her consolation prize — a flak jacket decorated with traditional Delft Blue patterns. In a departing message, she said she hoped "that in the future I get a chance to show what I can offer the Netherlands." Frank Wiering, editor in chief of the VPRO network that made the show, said Blessing is unlikely to get the chance — he said she could be expelled any time in the next two months. The show that aired Thursday night generated far more buzz among foreign media than Dutch viewers, a possible indication that this country's long-held reputation as a tolerant nation always ready to welcome foreigners is a thing of the past. □



This image provided by Desmet on Friday, Sept. 2, 2011, shows quiz master Waldemar Torenstra, center. The nation that brought the television world Big Brother and a hoax game show with a donor kidney as prize has now pitted five young rejected asylum seekers against one another in a Dutch trivia quiz for a euro 4,000 prize to take with them when they are sent back to their home country. (AP Photo/Desmet/Paul Weijenberg)

game show with a donor kidney prize has now pitted five young rejected asylum seekers against one another to compete for €4,000 (\$5,700) for when they are

ers slated for expulsion by Dutch immigration authorities despite having spent most of their childhoods here and speaking the language fluently. It tried

## Rapper T.I. returned to prison in Atlanta

GREG BLUESTEIN

Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — The lawyer for rapper T.I. said Friday that he's working to have the Grammy winner returned to a halfway house after a transportation flap left him locked up again in a federal penitentiary. The Federal Bureau of Prisons website Friday shows that the rapper is at the Atlanta penitentiary with a release date of Sept. 29. He had checked into a halfway house in Atlanta this week after serving months in an Arkansas prison. The 30-year-old rapper, whose real name is Clifford Harris,

made the 375-mile (600-kilometer) trip to Atlanta in a gleaming motor coach on Wednesday. The transportation arrangements appear to be the reason he's back behind bars, his lawyer said. "The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) appears to have an issue with the circumstances surrounding T.I.'s transportation from Arkansas to Atlanta," T.I.'s attorney, Steve Sadow, said Friday. Sadow said they haven't received formal notice from prison officials explaining what he's accused of doing wrong. Sadow said Friday there was never any intent



Rapper T.I. returns to prison, again

to mislead or misstate T.I.'s method of transportation, and he hopes the issue can be cleared up quickly so T.I. can return to the halfway house. □



A scene from the new film Shark Night 3D.

## 'Shark night 3D': Huge teeth; teenie bikinis

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Shark movies are irresistible to Hollywood for many reasons, not the least being their limitless hospitality to close-ups of thrashing, bodacious young women wearing wet bikinis. Even in that sense, however, "Shark Night 3D" disappoints, despite its director's frequent attention to below-the-waist activity. Featuring the familiar bunch of attractive, stereotypical college students — including the dumb jock (Sinqua Walls), the sensitive intellectual (Dustin Milligan) and the aloof princess with the complicated past (Sara Paxton) — this latest entry in the bobbing-and-bloodbath category is destined to suffer unfavorable comparisons with last year's bite-happy "Piranha 3D."

That film benefited from an enviable R rating and the crafty Alexandre Aja at the helm, a man who knows from excess; this one has an "American Idol" runner-up and the director David R. Ellis, struggling to make the transition from "Snakes on a Plane" to teeth in the water. Working a setup — a Louisiana cabin, a suspiciously shark-stocked salt-water lake — as minimal as its wardrobe, the mostly young cast is game if unmemorable. Paxton, in particular, deserves better: Previously terrorized by human predators in the 2009 remake of "The Last House on the Left," here she is little more than shark bait hampered by a ridiculous back story. And the presence of

the estimable Donal Logue, playing an affable sheriff with a nasty secret, only made me more mournful for the cancellation of his excellent television show, "Terriers." Filmed on Caddo Lake, near Shreveport, La., Will Hayes and Jesse Stenberg's script tests the limits of PG-13 with the usual lecherous rednecks, proving only how tough it is to lust in a family-friendly fashion. The result is a movie that isn't crummy, exactly, just blah: When the freakiest teeth on screen belong not to one of Walt Conti's animatronically realized sharks but to a good-ol'-boy called Red, you know you have a problem. A bite from a great white would be preferable to a kiss from Red any day.

### PRODUCTION NOTES 'SHARK NIGHT 3D'

Directed by David R. Ellis; written by Will Hayes and Jesse Stenberg; director of photography, Gary Capo; edited by Dennis Virkler; production design by Jaymes Hinkle; produced by Chris Briggs and Lynette Howell; released by Rogue, a Relativity Media Co. Running time: 1 hour 31 minutes.

With: Sara Paxton (Sara), Dustin Milligan (Nick), Katharine McPhee (Beth), Donal Logue (Sheriff Greg Sabin), Chris Carmack (Dennis), Damon Lipari (Keith), Chris Zylka (Blake), Sinqua Walls (Malik) and Alyssa Diaz (Maya). "Shark Night 3D" is rated PG-13 (parents strongly cautioned). Floating intestines and fleeing students. □



# The vigorous virtues



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There's a specter haunting American politics: national decline. Is America on the way down, and, if so, what can be done about it?

The Republicans, and Rick Perry in particular, have a reasonably strong story to tell about decline. America became great, they explain, because its citizens possessed certain vigorous virtues: self-reliance, personal responsibility, industriousness and a passion for freedom. But, over the years, government has grown and undermined these virtues. Wall Street financiers no longer have to behave prudently because they know government will bail them out. Middle-class families no longer have to practice thrift because they know they can use government to force future generations to pay for their retirements. Dads no longer have to marry the women they impregnate because government will step in and provide support. Moreover, a growing government sucked resources away from the most productive parts of the economy – innovators, entrepreneurs and workers – and redirected it to the most politically connected parts. The byzantine tax code and regulatory state has clogged the arteries of American dynamism.

The current task, therefore, is, as Rick Perry says, to make the government "inconsequential" in people's lives – to pare back the state to revive personal responsibility and private initiative. There's much truth to this narrative. Stable societies are breeding grounds for interest groups. Over time, these interest groups use government to establish sinecures for themselves, which gradually strangle the economy they are built on – like parasitic vines around a tree.

Yet as great as the need is to streamline, reform and prune the state, that will not be enough to restore America's vigorous virtues. This is where current Republican orthodoxy is necessary but insufficient. There are certain tasks ahead

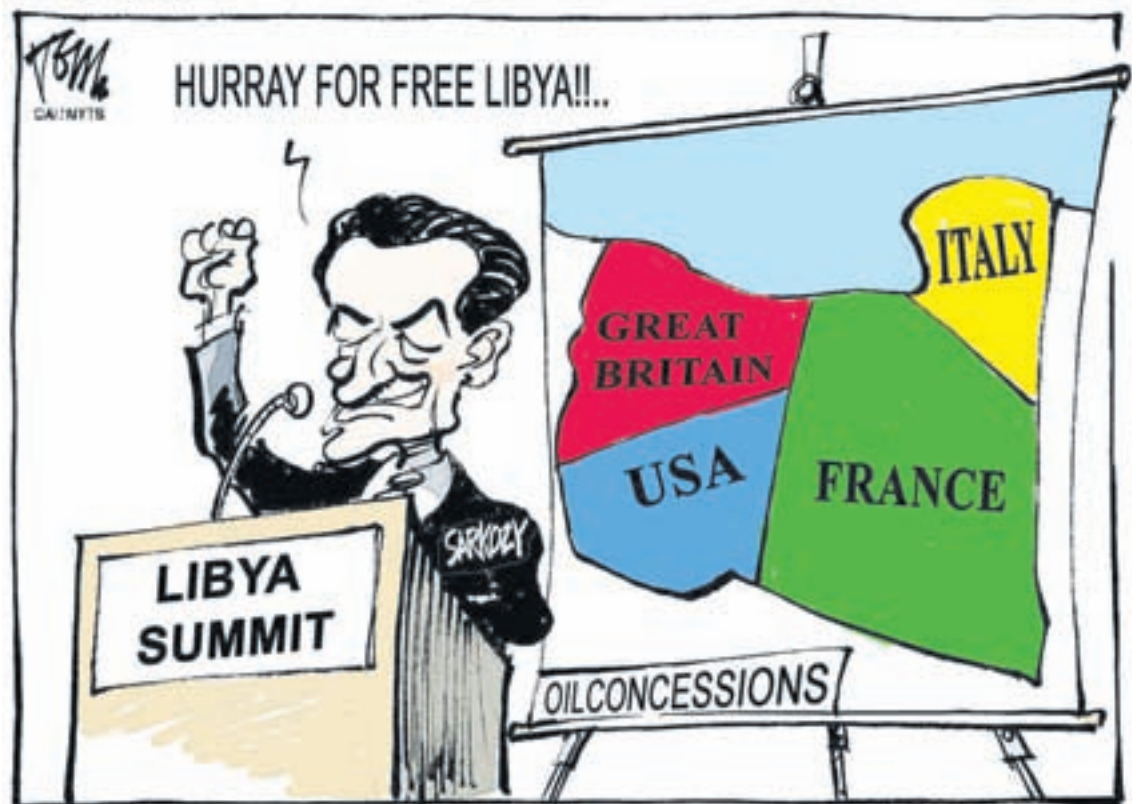
that cannot be addressed simply by getting government out of the way.

In the first place, there is the need to rebuild America's human capital. The United States became the wealthiest nation on earth primarily because Americans were the best educated.

That advantage has entirely eroded over the past 30 years. It will take an active government to reverse this stagnation – from prenatal and early childhood education straight up through adult technical training and investments in scientific and other research. If government is "inconsequential" in this sphere, then continued American decline is inevitable.

Then there are the long-term structural problems plaguing the economy. There's strong evidence to suggest that the rate of technological innovation has been slowing down. In addition, America is producing fewer business startups. Job creation was dismal even in the seven years before the recession, when taxes were low and Republicans ran the regulatory agencies. As economist Michael Spence has argued, nearly all of the job growth over the past 20 years has been in sectors where American workers don't have to compete with workers overseas. Meanwhile, middle-class wages have been stagnant for a generation. Inequality is rising, and society is stratifying. Americans are less likely to move in search of opportunity. Social mobility has been flat for decades, and American social mobility is no better than European social mobility. Some of these problems are exacerbated by government regulations and could be eased if government pulled back. But most of them have nothing to do with government and are related to globalization, an aging society, cultural trends and the nature of technological change.

Republicans have done almost nothing to grapple with and address these deeper structural problems. Tackling them means shifting America's economic model – tilting the playing field away from consumption toward production; away from entitlement spending and more toward investment in infrastructure, skills and technology; mitigating those forces that concentrate wealth and nurturing instead a broad-based opportunity society. These shifts cannot be done by government alone, but they can't be done without leadership from government. □



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"Have you left no sense of decency?" That's the question Joseph Welch famously asked Joseph McCarthy, as the red-baiting demagogue tried to ruin yet another innocent citizen. And these days, it's the question I find myself wanting to ask Eric Cantor, the House majority leader, who has done more than anyone else to make policy blackmail – using innocent Americans as hostages – standard operating procedure for the GOP.

A few weeks ago, Cantor was the hard man in the confrontation over the debt ceiling; he was willing to endanger America's financial credibility, putting our whole economy at risk, in order to extract budget concessions from President Barack Obama. Now he's doing it again, this time over disaster relief, making headlines by insisting that any federal aid to the victims of Hurricane Irene be offset by cuts in other spending. In effect, he is threatening to take Irene's victims hostage. Cantor's critics have been quick to accuse him of hypocrisy, and with good reason. After all, he and his Republican colleagues showed no comparable interest in paying for the Bush administration's huge unfunded initiatives. In particular, they did nothing to offset the

## Eric and Irene

cost of the Iraq War, which now stands at \$800 billion and counting. And it turns out that in 2004, when his home state of Virginia was struck by Tropical Storm Gaston, Cantor voted against a bill that would have required the same pay-as-you-go rule that he now advocates. But, as I see it, hypocrisy is a secondary issue here. The primary issue should be the extraordinary nihilism now on display by Cantor and his colleagues – their willingness to flout all the usual conventions of fair play and, well, decency in order to get what they want. Not long ago, a political party seeking to change U.S. policy would try to achieve that goal by building popular support for its ideas, then implementing those ideas through legislation. That, after all, is how our political system was designed to work. But today's GOP has decided to bypass all that and go for a quicker route. Never mind getting enough votes to pass legislation; it gets what it wants by threatening to hurt America if its demands aren't met. That's what happened with the debt-ceiling fight, and now it's what's happening over disaster aid. In effect, Cantor and his allies are threatening to take hurricane victims hostage, using their suffering as a bargaining chip. Of course, Cantor would have you believe that he's just trying to be fiscally responsible. But that's no more than a cover story. Should disaster aid, as a matter of sound public finance, be offset by immediate cuts in other spending? No. The time-honored principle, backed by economists right and left, is that temporary bursts of spending – which

usually arise when there's a war to fight, but can also arise from other causes, including financial crises and natural disasters – are a good reason to run temporary budget deficits. Rather than imposing sharp cuts in other spending or sharply raising taxes, governments can and should spread the burden over time, borrowing now and repaying gradually via a combination of lower spending and higher taxes. But can the U.S. government borrow to pay for disaster aid? Isn't the government broke? Yes, it can, and, no, it isn't. America has a long-run deficit problem, which should be met with long-run budget measures. But it's having no problem at all borrowing to pay for current expenses. Moreover, it's able to borrow funds at extremely low interest rates. Notably, right now the interest rate on the benchmark 10-year U.S. government bond is only slightly more than half what it was in 2004 when Cantor felt that it wasn't necessary to pay for disaster relief.

So the claim that fiscal responsibility requires immediate spending cuts to offset the cost of disaster relief is just wrong, in both theory and practice. As I said, it's just a cover story for the real game being played here. Now, Cantor may end up backing down on this one, if only because several of the hard-hit states have Republican governors, who want and need aid soon, without strings attached. But that won't put an end to the larger issue: What will happen to America now that people like Cantor are calling the shots for one of its two major political parties? □



# Bazaar editor in chief picks mag's 'Greatest Hits'

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**AP Fashion Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — As editor-in-chief of Harper's Bazaar, Glenda Bailey has seen some pretty fantastic things; "epic moments," she calls them. In her 10 years at the helm of the magazine, she has overseen fancy photo shoots with A-list stars, insider moments with top designers and the times the magazine hits the zeitgeist just right. Bailey highlights many of them in a new book about her decade in charge, "Harper's Bazaar: Greatest Hits," and in an interview with The Associated Press, she listed her favorites:

—Demi Moore's 2010 cover, where she shared the coveted front-page real estate with a giraffe. Moore wore a dress and the 10-inch Armadillo heels from Alexander McQueen's last collection on a staircase to nowhere. The image was shot a few weeks before McQueen's suicide, but Bailey said she could think

of no better tribute to him. —William Klein's portraits of designers, shot in 2007, his first fashion photographs in more than three decades. Bailey said the images captured the designers the way they chose to present themselves: Marc Jacobs practically having a party in the studio, Miuccia Prada all by herself, Karl Lagerfeld surrounded by his muses and the craftsmen who bring the vision to life, and Alber Elbaz with his entire staff, from the company president to the cleaner, doing a little dance. —Naomi Campbell's stunning 2009 "Wild Things" spread by Jean Paul Goode, especially the supermodel wearing a Blumarine cheetah-print dress outrunning a cheetah. "When those pictures arrived on my desk, it was fashion heaven," Bailey says. "I can't remember ever being speechless, but I was."

—The animated characters of "The Simpsons" tak-

ing a tour of Paris in 2007 with Linda Evangelista as their tour guide. Marge met Lagerfeld, Jacobs, Elbaz, Donatella Versace and Jean Paul Gaultier. "Marc Jacobs loved his illustration so much, he had his made as a tattoo on his arm," reports Bailey. —Top models Amber Valletta, Claudia Schiffer, Cindy Crawford, Shalom Harlow, Kristen McMenamy and Nadja Auermann posing without makeup for Peter Lindbergh in 2007. The women — all in their 30s and 40s — showed they were embracing their looks and age, Bailey says.

The gallery is still one of the most popular features on the Bazaar website. "When people talk about Bazaar, they talk about a fun, fashionable, feel-good fashion magazine. They know we have a sense of humor," says Bailey, "but I think we're also renowned for our ideas."

—The all-important September issue of 2009, which was going to press months earlier when news came of Michael Jackson's death. Bailey went into action and had Agyness Deyn dress up in Jackson's signature style in a red leather jacket, cropped black pants and military jackets. The next month the magazine scored an interview with Janet Jackson.

"When Michael Jacket passed away, a lot of people wanted to talk to her. It was a sign of us being able to move quickly," the editor says.

—Features that presented fashion as part of pop culture, incorporating art, music and movies. Over the years, Bazaar has paid homage to filmmakers Mike Nichols, Tim Burton and Pedro Almodovar. In one photo, Lagerfeld and Almodovar, guns in hand, recreate a scene from "Live Flesh."

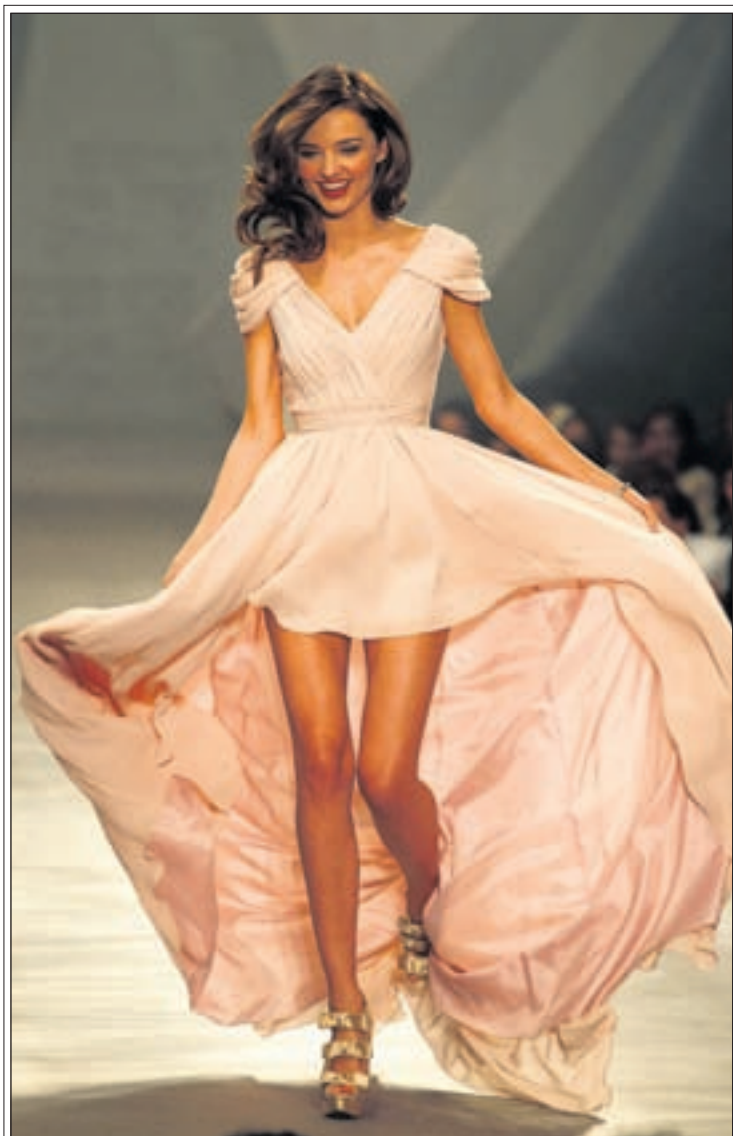
—Kate Winslet's "exquisite" white strapless gown by Ralph Lauren, peeled straight from the runway for a cover shoot in 2009. She stood on what looks like rooftop scaffolding high above Manhattan. "In re-

ality, she's not that high off the ground, but it looks like she's risking life and limb,

and that's what you want from a fashion magazine. You want to dream. □



Above: the book cover image courtesy of Harper's Bazaar/ Solve Sundsbo shows the cover of "Harper's Bazaar: Greatest Hits," by Glenda Bailey. As editor-in-chief of Harper's Bazaar, Bailey has seen some pretty fantastic things - "epic moments," she calls them. Bailey highlights many of them in her new book. Below: An April 2010 Harper's Bazaar magazine cover image courtesy of Harper's Bazaar/Mark Seliger shows actress Demi Moore wearing a design by Alexander McQueen and styled by Rachel Zoe.



Australian supermodel Miranda Kerr wears a creation by designer Eva Brazzi for Liverpool department store's Fashion Fest in Mexico City.

(AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo)

